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The New York Times

E.P.A. Blocks Obama-Era Clean Water Rule

By Coral Davenport

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WASHINGTON — The Trump administration has formally suspended a major Obama-era clean water regulation ahead of plans to issue its own version of the rule later this year.

President Trump has taken aim at the bitterly contested rule, known as Waters of the United States, since his campaign, calling it “one of the worst examples of federal regulation.” Among Mr. Trump’s first actions in office was an executive order directing his Environmental Protection Agency administrator, Scott Pruitt, to begin the legal process of rescinding the rule and replacing it with a more industry-friendly alternative.

On Wednesday, Mr. Pruitt took a major step toward completing that task, filing the legal documents required to suspend the Obama rule for two years. The rule was set to be implemented in the coming weeks, following a Supreme Court decision last week that gave jurisdiction of the matter to district courts.

Having suspended the water rule, Mr. Pruitt is now crafting a Trump administration version, which is expected to include much looser regulatory requirements on how farmers, ranchers and real estate developers must safeguard the streams and tributaries that flow through their property and into larger bodies of water.

The Obama clean water regulation, which would have limited the use of pollutants like chemical fertilizers that could run off into small streams, came under fierce criticism from the rural landowners that make up a key component of Mr. Trump’s political base.

“Today, E.P.A. is taking action to reduce confusion and provide certainty to America’s farmers and ranchers,” Mr. Pruitt said in a statement. “The 2015 WOTUS rule developed by the Obama administration will not be applicable for the next two years, while we work through the process of providing long-term regulatory certainty across all 50 states about what waters are subject to federal regulation.”

Mr. Pruitt told a conference of state agricultural commissioners that he intends to issue a draft proposal of replacement water regulations in the spring and to finalize new rules this year, according to Politico.

The Waters of the United States rule, designed to limit pollution in about 60 percent of the nation's bodies of water, was put forth by the E.P.A. and the Army Corps of Engineers in 2015. It had extended existing federal protections of large bodies of water, such as the Chesapeake Bay and Puget Sound, to smaller bodies that flow into them, such as rivers, small waterways and wetlands.

Issued under the authority of the 1972 Clean Water Act, the rule has been hailed by environmentalists. But farmers, ranchers and real estate developers oppose it as an infringement on their property rights.

Republicans in farm states cheered the administration's move on Wednesday.

"The Obama administration's outrageous Waters of the United States rule would have put backyard ponds, puddles, and farm fields under Washington's control," said Senator John Barrasso, the Wyoming Republican who is chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. "Today's action will give Wyoming's ranchers, farmers, small businesses, and communities clarity."

Environmentalists, meanwhile, assailed the move and vowed to sue the administration.

"The Clean Water Rule protects the bodies of water that feed the drinking water supply for one in three Americans," said Jon Devine, a senior attorney with the Natural Resources Defense Council. "E.P.A. Administrator Scott Pruitt is racing the clock to deny protections for our public health and safety. It's grossly irresponsible, and illegal — and we'll challenge it in court."

Correction: February 1, 2018

An earlier version of this article gave an incorrect name for an environmental group. It is the Natural Resources Defense Council, not National Resources.

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Why Trump wants to repeal an Obama-era clean water rule

The EPA is suspending the Clean Water Rule while it scrambles to come up with a replacement.

By Brad Plumer and Umair Irfan | Updated Feb 1, 2018, 3:18pm EST



Birds occupy a dilapidated pier on the Little Blackwater River October 9, 2014 in Church Creek, Maryland | Photo by Mark Wilson/Getty Images

The Environmental Protection Agency is once again **punting** on a major environmental regulation that administrator Scott Pruitt and President Donald Trump don't like. This time, the agency is suspending the **Clean Water Rule**.

Also known as the "Waters of the US rule," or WOTUS, the proposed regulation is meant to clarify which streams and wetlands fall under federal clean water protections — a question that had been causing legal frustration for years.

At first glance, it's hard to see why the **Clean Water Rule** inspires such fury.

But when the rule **was published** in June 2015, it triggered fierce blowback from farm and industry groups across the country. "Opponents condemn it as a massive power grab by Washington," Politico **reported**, "saying it will give bureaucrats carte blanche to swoop in and penalize landowners every time a cow walks through a ditch." Some of those criticisms

were overblown (it doesn't cover **puddles**, for instance), but the rule was widely cited by conservatives as a perfect example of EPA overreach under President Barack Obama.

Last year, Trump **signed an executive order** directing Pruitt to begin the long process of repealing the Clean Water Rule and replacing it with ... something else.

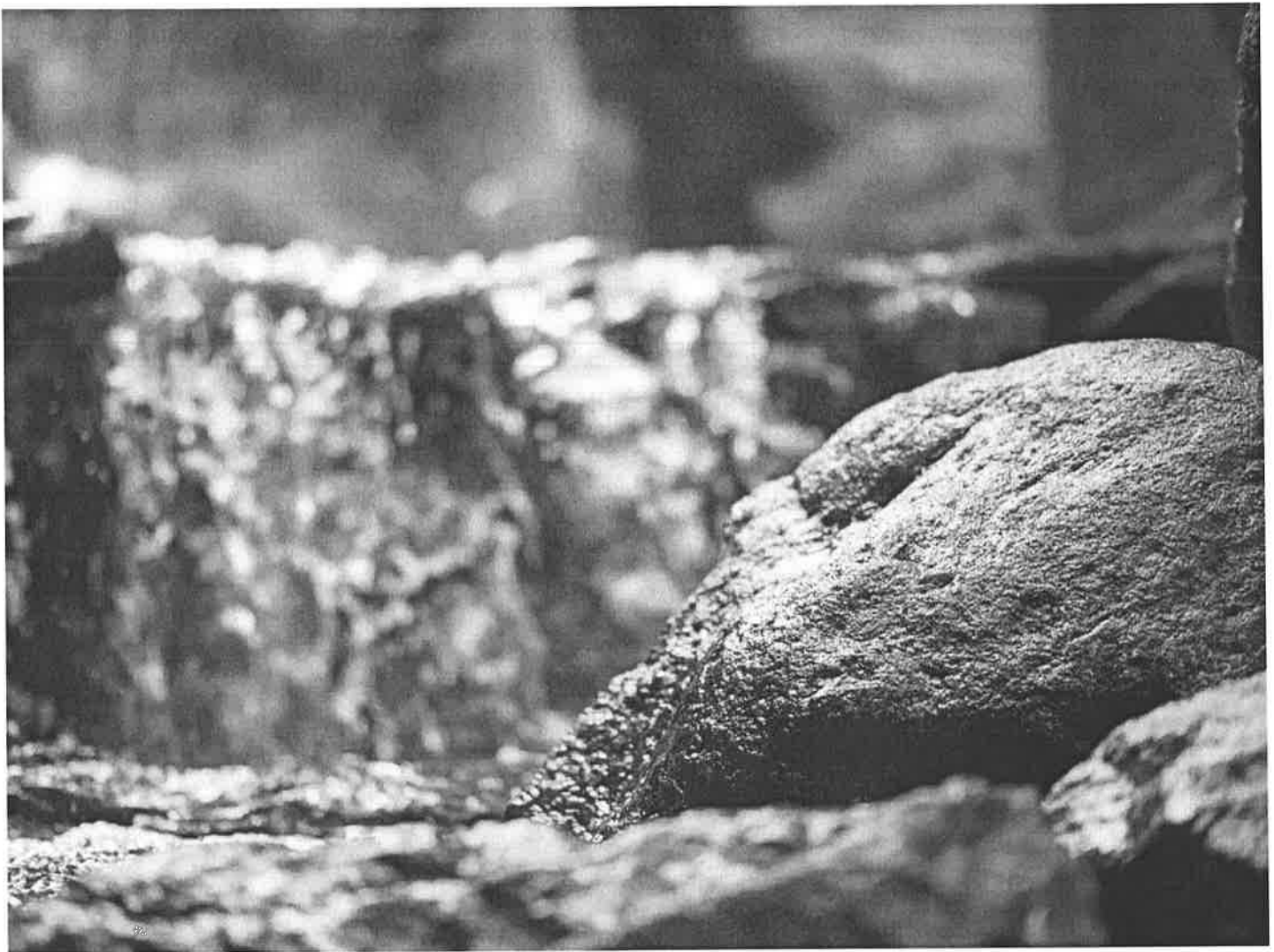
Except here's the catch: Rolling back this rule is tedious. By law, Pruitt has to go through the formal **federal rulemaking process** and replace Obama's regulation with his own version — and then defend it in court as legally superior. And, as Pruitt is learning, figuring out which bodies of water deserve protection is a maddeningly complex task that could take years.

In early January, the Supreme Court unanimously decided that lawsuits against the Clean Water Act should be heard by **federal district courts**. The decision lifted a 2015 **stay** on the rule, and would have allowed the regulation to go into force in the coming weeks in much of the country.

The Supreme Court decision was a blow to the White House, which had argued these cases should be heard by appeals courts.

So instead, the EPA this week filed legal documents to **suspend** the rule for two years — a move to stall the rule as the agency scrambles to come up with its own replacement version later this year.

What the Waters of the US rule actually does



Caught between a rock and a tributary place. | (Shutterstock)

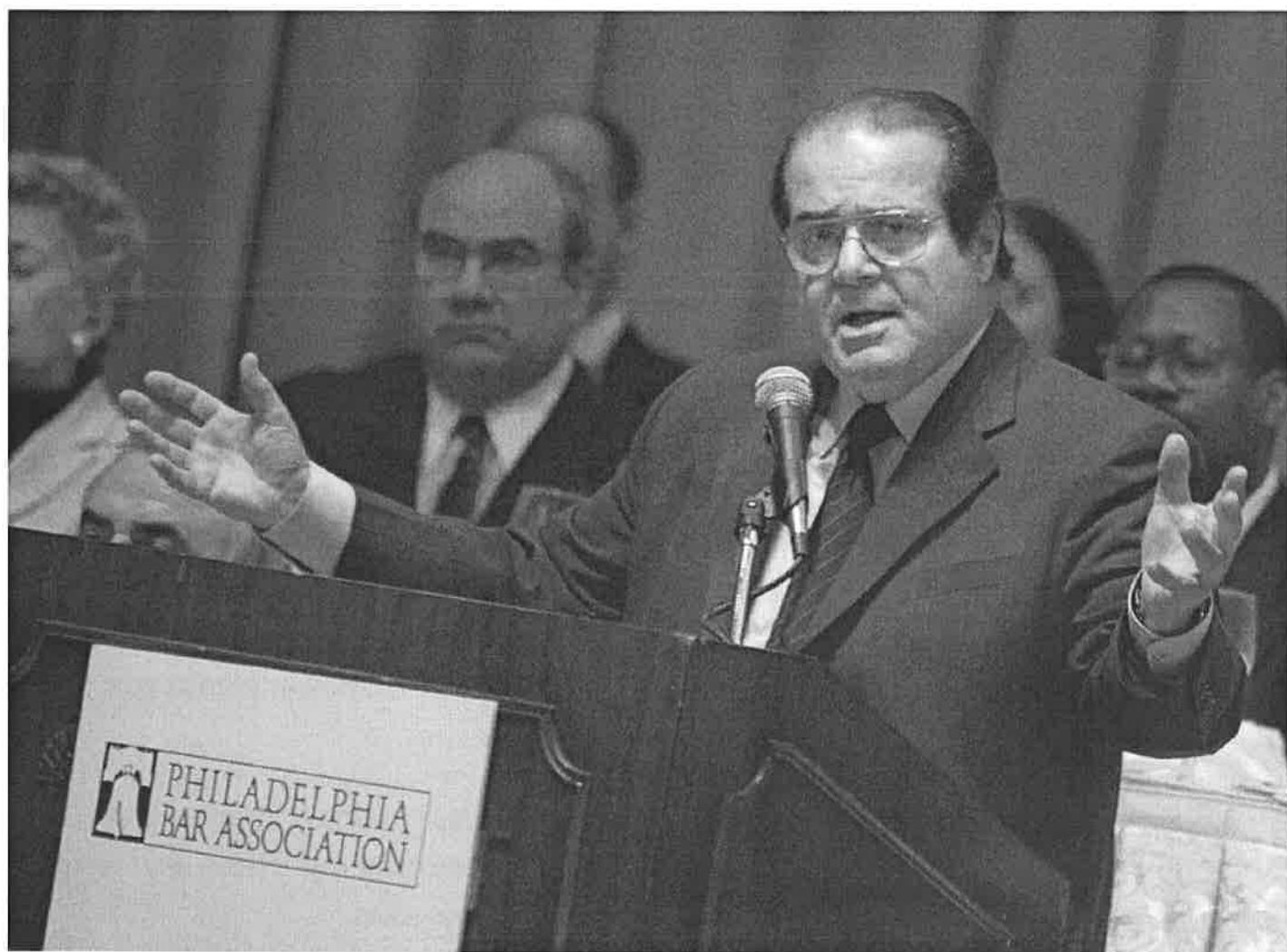
To understand this rule, we need to go back to 1972, when Congress passed the **Clean Water Act**. That law features dozens of regulations and permitting requirements for anyone discharging pollution into the “waters of the United States” in a way that could affect human health or aquatic life. These rules apply to factories, power plants, golf courses, new housing developments — and much, much more.

For example, under the law, a facility storing oil that could leak needs to prepare a spill prevention plan aimed at minimizing discharges. If the facility is far away from any “waters of the United States,” however, it doesn’t face these requirements.

But here’s the tricky part. The Clean Water Act doesn’t precisely define what “waters of the United States” means. That’s left to the EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers. And it’s a hard question. For instance, the law is clear that major navigable rivers and lakes and any connected waterways should be protected. But what about waterways that are only

loosely connected? What about the 60 percent of streams that are dry for part of the year but then connect when it rains? Any pollution dumped into those waters could affect key ecosystems. Should they be regulated?

In the 2000s, this uncertainty led to a pair of Supreme Court decisions that only ended up creating *more* bewilderment. In a split decision in ***Rapanos v. United States*** in 2006, Justice Anthony Kennedy argued that Clean Water Act protections applied to wetlands that “significantly affect the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of other covered waters.” But Justice Antonin Scalia argued that protections only applied to wetlands “with a continuous surface connection” to navigable water — a far smaller number of wetlands. And it wasn’t totally clear which opinion took precedence.



What'd I do? | Photo by William Thomas Cain/Getty Images

"The short answer is that the state of post-*Rapanos* wetlands jurisdiction is a mess," Richard Frank of the University of California Davis **told** Greenwire in 2011. In the ensuing

years, whenever a dispute arose over whether a landowner — be it a housing developer, golf course, farm, or what have you — needed a Clean Water Act permit or not, courts had to resolve it on a case-by-case basis.

So, under Obama, the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers tried to bring clarity to the matter. They sifted through more than 1,200 scientific papers to figure out which types of bodies of water were important to aquatic ecosystems and therefore deserved protection, per Kennedy's opinion.

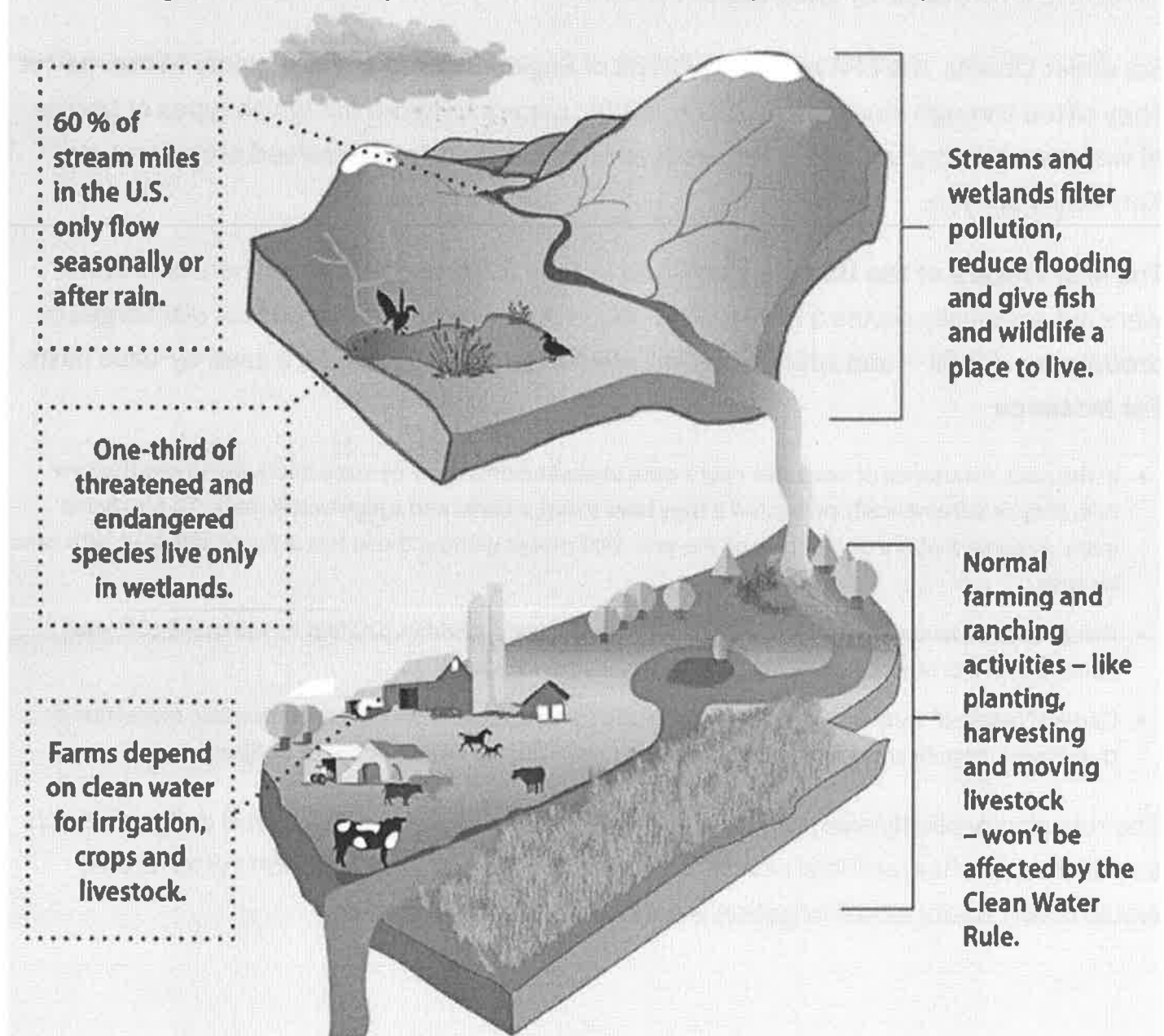
The final **Waters of the US rule**, published in June 2015, outlined which bodies of water were automatically covered by the Clean Water Act — requiring permits for discharges or dredging or dirt fill — and which ones still needed to be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

For instance:

- In the past, tributaries of navigable rivers were evaluated on a case-by-case basis. But under the new rule, they're automatically protected if they have a bed, a bank, and a high-water mark. This includes many streams that are dry for part of the year. Waterways without these features are still dealt with case by case.
- Wetlands and ponds are now automatically covered if they're within 100 feet or within the 100-year floodplain of a protected waterway. Otherwise, it's case by case.
- Certain "isolated" waters that are not connected to navigable waters now get automatic protection if they have a "significant nexus" to protected waters — like the **vernal pools of California**.

The rule also explicitly exempted a number of bodies of water often found on farms, such as puddles, ditches, artificial ponds for livestock watering, and irrigation systems that would revert to dry land if irrigation were to stop. Here's a graphic:

Our Clean Water Rule protects the streams and wetlands that feed our rivers, lakes, bays and coastal waters. These waters are critical for agriculture, healthy communities, our economy and our way of life.



(EPA)

For its part, the EPA argued that this rule didn't significantly expand the waters under its jurisdiction. Rather, it created more certainty **for about 3 percent** of the nation's waterways — to avoid bringing cases to court every time there was a legal gray area. According to the EPA, the rule offered clearer protection to upstream bodies of water that contribute to drinking supplies for one-third of the population.

Before the rule came out, few who worked on it expected widespread blowback. "This rule will provide the clarity and certainty businesses and industry need about which waters are protected by the Clean Water Act," Obama said when the final rule was announced. But things turned out very differently.

Why the Waters of the US rule became so controversial

Opponents of the rule — particularly farming and ranching groups — clearly didn't buy the EPA's line that this was only a technical update. Nor were they comforted by the EPA's exemptions for agriculture. Instead, they called it a power grab.

"The agency is making it impossible for farmers and ranchers to look at their land and know what can be regulated," **argues** the American Farm Bureau Federation on its site. "EPA has vastly expanded its authority beyond the limits approved by Congress and affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court."

Some Western farmers, for instance, fretted about the open, unlined canals they use to irrigate their lands during the growing season. These systems divert water from streams, serve as water sources for wildlife, and can connect to larger bodies of water elsewhere. As Reagan Waskom and David Cooper of Colorado State University **explain**, farmers and ranchers feared that these canals would fall under the rule's definition of "tributary" and might have to be replaced by costly pressurized pipes. Or, alternatively, that fertilizer use near these waterways would be more strictly regulated.



Water stands in an irrigation canal at a sod farm on August 8, 2014, in Lodi, California. | Photo by Justin Sullivan/Getty Images

Defenders of the rule dismissed these scenarios. Jon Devine, a lawyer with the Natural Resources Defense Council, points out that the Clean Water Act has always regulated agriculture lightly. “This rule doesn’t really change those exemptions,” he says. Indeed, one **recent study** found that the EPA’s jurisdiction over farms actually *shrank* under the new rule.

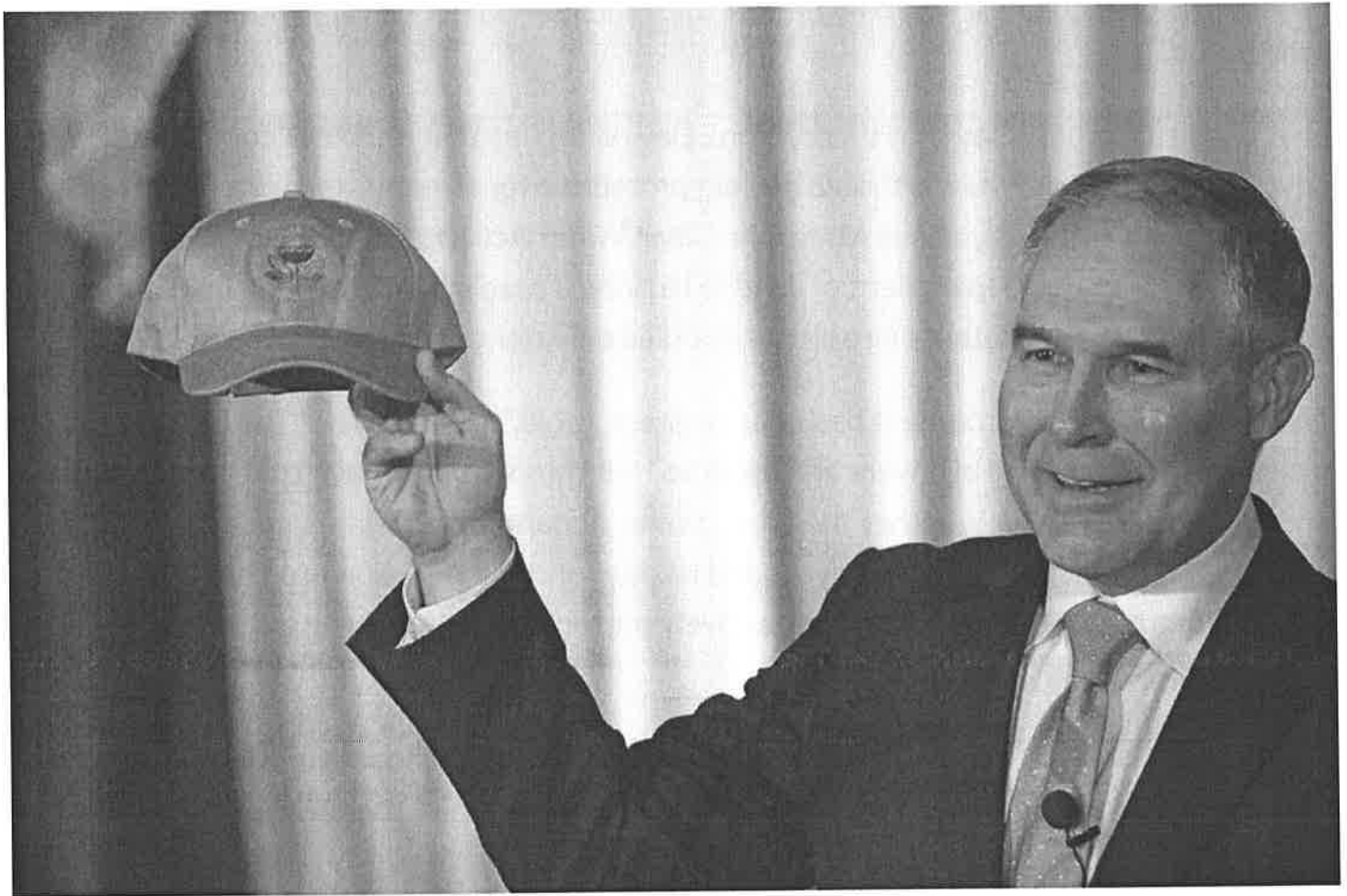
The EPA was also pretty explicit that it wouldn’t target farmers. “We will protect clean water without getting in the way of farming and ranching,” then-EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy **told** the National Farmers Union in 2015. But few farmers or ranchers believed her. Their argument was that the rule was vague enough that the EPA *could* crack down on them if it chose. It’s basically a question of trust. And at the moment, conservatives are not particularly inclined to trust the EPA.

Joni Ernst, a Republican senator from Iowa, made that clear in Pruitt’s confirmation hearing. “My constituents tell me the EPA is out to get them rather than work with them and there is a huge lack of trust between many of my constituents and the EPA,” she **said**.

“If we take a look specifically at the WOTUS rule, Iowans truly feel that the EPA ignored their comments and concerns, threw them under the rug and then just moved forward.”

However the backlash started, it took on a life of its own. Donald Trump began citing the water rule on the campaign trail as an example of EPA overreach, earning cheers from rural audiences. In signing his executive order in March, he called it a “destructive and horrible rule.”

Why it will be difficult — but not impossible — for Scott Pruitt to repeal this rule



Scott Pruitt has some long nights ahead of him. | Photo by Aaron P. Bernstein/Getty Images

On Wednesday, the EPA said it was delaying the current rule’s implementation for **two years**. But the Army Corps of Engineers and Scott Pruitt’s EPA will have to go through **the federal rulemaking process** to replace it. That means proposing a new rule that’s supported by extensive scientific and legal arguments, opening up the proposal for public comments, responding to those comments, and then defending the final rule in court as a superior approach. This could take years.

What makes Pruitt's task so difficult is that the ambiguity around which waterways deserve Clean Water Act protection still holds even if you repeal the Obama rule. Which wetlands are covered? How do you deal with streams that flow part of the year? How do you interpret that mess of a Supreme Court decision in 2006?

In his executive order, Trump asked Pruitt to consider Scalia's opinion in *Rapanos*, which extended protection to wetlands only if they had a "continuous surface connection" to navigable waterways and extended protection to streams only if they were "relatively permanent." If Pruitt relied on this guidance, his replacement rule would cover far fewer waterways — leaving out, for instance, many of the 60 percent of streams that don't flow year-round.

Environmental groups say that's a problem. Devine argues that polluters could take advantage of a weaker rule with less certain protection for streams and waterways. So long as there's ambiguity about where the Clean Water Act applies, it would be harder for citizen groups or the Department of Justice to bring a case against companies dumping chemicals or other pollutants into smaller bodies of water upstream.

"Without this rule, enforcement has been unpredictable," Devine says. "The EPA has mainly been focused on big rivers and lakes so that they wouldn't have to litigate to the ends of the earth about whether the Clean Water Act applied to waters upstream. But if you can only regulate the biggest rivers and lakes — and the pollution problem is much further upstream — then you're not effectively protecting the receiving water or the watershed."

Still, it's not clear that Pruitt *can* scale back the water rule significantly. Federal courts have typically embraced Kennedy's more expansive interpretation of the Clean Water Act rather than Scalia's, and any rollback of Obama's rule would still leave plenty of legal gray areas where the courts will need to decide on a case-by-case basis whether the Clean Water Act applies. "It's going to be incredibly complex to figure this out," says Richard Revesz, a professor of environmental law at New York University.

That's why the EPA is stalling on the current rule's implementation. In all likelihood, Pruitt's new rule — if it actually gets finished before 2020 — will end up before the Supreme Court. He's got a tough slog ahead of him.

Further reading:

- Repealing the Clean Water rule is only step one for Trump. He's also targeting Obama's signature climate policy, the Clean Power Plan. Read **here for more** on how he might do that.
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Against the Stream: The Future of the Federal Clean Water Rule

A pitched battle is being waged over which water sources warrant federal protection under the Clean Water Act. Who's right, and who will prevail?

08.10.2017 / BY Charles Schmidt

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HIGH UP IN Washington's Cascade Range, snow feeds the creeks that descend toward the coast, flowing intermittently in summer and gaining strength again the following spring as they coalesce into the Cedar, Snohomish, and Stillaguamish rivers that dump into Puget Sound. These mountainous creeks have a major influence on downstream water quality, and polluting them could jeopardize clean drinking water for much of Seattle's population, as well as the spawning habitat for the state's iconic salmon and trout fisheries.

They are among the two million miles of streams and 20 million acres of wetlands across the United States that, as a result of pressure from the administration of President Donald J. Trump and allied Republicans in Congress, are currently at risk of losing federal protection under the 1972 Clean Water Act.

"The waters potentially at risk here include streams that don't flow year-round, which make up about 59 percent of the stream miles in the continental U.S., and waters nearby," wrote Jon Devine, a senior attorney with the Natural Resources Defense Council, an environmental advocacy group based in New York City, in an email. These streams, Devine said, "contribute to the drinking water supplies of 117 million Americans."

In June, federal environmental agencies proposed to scrap an Obama-era rule explicitly defining which waters fall under the Act's jurisdiction. Waters such as rivers, lakes, and coastal seas have always been protected under the law, but whether or not to include streams and wetlands in its purview has been fiercely debated.

Published in 2015, the Clean Water Rule clarified the scope of the Clean Water Act to protect these and other bodies of water, drawing praise from ecologists and most environmental groups and withering attacks from farmers, developers and Congressional critics, including John Boehner, the former House Speaker, who called the rule a "raw and tyrannical power grab" that would put businesses "on the road to a regulatory and economic hell." Among other things, critics say the rule puts vast amounts of private land under federal control, and defines protected waterways so expansively that development and agriculture would be subjected to onerous and extensive layers of red tape with questionable environmental benefits.

The rule was suspended by the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Boehner's home state of Ohio only weeks after it became effective, and it has been stuck in litigation ever since. In moving now to kill it off entirely, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers are heeding an executive order issued by President Trump in February, which called for "rescinding or revising" the rule, and returning authority for stream and wetland protection back to the states.

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The proposed rollback was officially issued on July 27th, and was granted 30 days of public comment — although a coalition of Democratic Senators have publicly urged EPA administrator Scott Pruitt to extend that period by at least 90 days. Whether that extension will be granted is unknown, but nearly 20,000 comments had been submitted on the contentious proposal as of this week.

Should Pruitt proceed with the plan, it would almost certainly be challenged in court — a predictable outcome, given the stakes. After all, precisely how we define waterways — and whom we deputize to protect them — are questions with far-reaching impacts for just about every American. They entangle everyone from consumers and businesses to farmers and fishermen, and the issue hinges on whether or not state-level oversight could ever be sufficient to protect stream and wetland water quality. It also comes with one unassailable certainty: We know much, much more about the ecological complexity and connectivity of minor streams and wetlands than we did 40 years ago, when national legislation protecting American waters from pollution was first forged.

In an email message, Erin Ryan, a professor of environmental law at Florida State University's College of Law, in Tallahassee, suggested the impacts of the Trump administration's executive order, if it were to be realized, would be widespread. "I think it has the potential to create enormous consequences on the

ground, especially in parts of the country where state-based regulations are less stringent than federal regulations have been,” she said. “It’s also complicated because many of these local watersheds are nested within larger interstate watersheds, creating spillover consequences across state lines.”

THE CLEAN WATER ACT was passed in the 1970s after it became evident that the states were failing miserably in their efforts to protect water quality. (Notably, Ohio’s heavily polluted Cuyahoga River caught fire 13 times between 1868 and 1969, causing millions of dollars in damage to bridges and other infrastructure.) The legislation authorized the EPA to regulate pollution discharges into “navigable waters” — that is, waters that can be or are currently used in commerce, collectively known as the “Waters of the United States.”

At the time, the ecological significance of non-navigable waters wasn’t as apparent, but scientists have learned a great deal in the intervening decades. Gillian Davies, an ecological scientist at BSC Group, an engineering and environmental consulting firm in Boston, and until recently the president of the Society of Wetland Scientists, said researchers have since learned that intermittent streams, wetlands, and larger waterbodies connect in many ways, including sometimes sharing hydrological connections underground. Carbon, nutrients, microbes, and pollution often move into navigable waters from non-navigable waters nearby. Davies likened wetland tributaries to capillaries in the body. If you introduce a pollutant into a capillary it can reach a vein and affect organ functioning. And just like kidneys, she explained, wetlands filter toxins, and they also store excess water and release it in dry weather.

When the Supreme Court tried to clarify the Act’s jurisdiction over streams and wetlands, however, it muddied the waters considerably, said Jeanne Christie, executive director of the Association of State Wetland Managers, a non-profit advocacy group in Windham, Maine.

Earlier Supreme Court rulings had protected wetlands if they were immediately adjacent to navigable waters, but left open what do if they were separated by non-navigable creeks or groundwater. It was in the midst of that uncertainty — and despite repeated warnings from the Army Corps — that John Rapanos, a developer from Midland, Michigan, filled 54 acres of wetlands on his property that were connected by ditches and streams to navigable waters lying up to 20 miles away. When the federal government sued, Rapanos vowed a legal fight to the death. His case, *Rapanos vs. the United States*, was decided by the Supreme Court in 2006, producing a highly-fractured ruling with five different opinions and no majority view.

Taking one extreme position, Antonin Scalia and three other justices argued for limiting the Clean Water Act’s jurisdiction to “relatively permanent, standing, or continuously flowing bodies of water” that are connected to downstream navigable waters, and to wetlands with a “continuous surface connection.” At the other extreme, Anthony Kennedy argued for jurisdiction over streams, wetlands, and non-navigable waterbodies connected by a so-called “significant nexus.” By that, Kennedy was referring to the capacity of these smaller waterbodies to affect the chemical, biological or physical integrity of downstream navigable waters, even when a permanent surface connection between them didn’t exist. The other four justices concluded that waterbodies meeting either the Scalia or Kennedy tests for jurisdiction could be federally protected.



The influence of the late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia looms large in the current debate over the Clean Water Rule.

Visual: Alex Wong/Getty

Stephen Samuels, a recently retired attorney with the Justice Department and a leading expert on the Clean Water Act, says the *Rapanos* decision, which sent the case back to the lower courts, raised more questions than it answered. For instance: Which test was legally binding? And what do the terms relatively permanent, continuous surface connection, and significant nexus mean?

None of those terms had ever been used in prior regulations. So in that vacuum, “the EPA and the Army Corps were forced to perform case-by-case jurisdictional determinations — tens of thousands — every year,” Samuels wrote in an email. “This was extremely resource intensive, both for the agencies and for the regulated public.”

According to a 2010 New York Times article, the EPA became so burdened by individual assessments after *Rapanos* that it simply gave up and shelved more than 1,500 of them. The Times reported that “some businesses are declaring the law no longer applies to them,” and that “pollution rates are rising.” (Despite repeated requests, EPA officials declined to comment for this story.)

It was only after developers, farmers and environmental groups began demanding jurisdictional clarity that the EPA and Army Corps set out to enumerate precisely which waterways are covered by the Clean Water Act and which are not. More than a million public comments were submitted to the agencies during this process, which culminated with the Clean Water Rule, a 75-page document skewing towards Kennedy’s opinion in the *Rapanos* case.

The rule stated that all traditionally navigable waters were jurisdictional, but so were streams and wetlands with a significant hydrological or ecological connection to larger navigable waters, as well as all tributaries characterized by *physical indicators* of flow, meaning a bed, a bank, and a high-water mark that might be evident even when the tributary itself was dry. Manmade ditches with a significant nexus were covered, with certain exceptions made for ditches on agricultural lands (to avoid regulating irrigation ditches on farms) and for those lining transportation corridors along roads, railways, and airports.

The rule also covered unique and ecologically sensitive waterbodies, such as prairie wetlands, or “potholes” in the West, temporary ponds called vernal pools, and wetland bogs called pocosins. Finally, the rule assigned jurisdiction to any body of water within the area that could be submerged within a 100-year floodplain and is within 1,500 feet of the high-water mark of a navigable waterbody. Waters in that floodplain and that are within 4,000 feet of the high-water mark would be subject to a case-by-case analysis.

ALL WET?

President Trump famously derided the Obama-era Clean Water Rule as regulatory overreach, suggesting that the provision, which his administration is now trying to roll back, would result in federal oversight of “puddles.” While the rule does expand federal environmental protections to small streams and wetlands, it explicitly rules out a variety of waterbodies, including, yes, puddles.

The following are among many features that are not considered to be “waters of the United States” under the Clean Water Act:

- * Artificially irrigated areas that would revert to dry land should application of irrigation water to that area cease
- * Artificial, constructed lakes or ponds created by excavating and/or diking dry land such as farm and stock watering ponds, irrigation ponds, settling basins, log cleaning ponds, cooling ponds, or fields flooded for rice growing
- * Artificial reflecting pools or swimming pools created by excavating and/or diking dry land
- * Small ornamental waters created by excavating and/or diking dry land for primarily aesthetic reasons
- * Water-filled depressions created in dry land incidental to mining or construction activity, including pits excavated for obtaining fill, sand or gravel that fill with water
- * Erosional features, including gullies, rills, and other ephemeral features that do not meet the definition of tributary, non-wetland swales, and lawfully constructed grassed waterways
- * Puddles

Source: Federal Register, “Clean Water Rule: Definition of ‘Waters of the United States.’”

The path to the rule was hardly smooth, due in part to the history of tension between the EPA and the Army Corps over differences in jurisdictional responsibility. The EPA took the lead in writing the final draft, shutting out the Army Corps, which leaked internal memos to the press citing problems on several fronts.

Lance Wood, an Army Corps attorney, wrote one of those memos. In it, he argued that in some ways the rule wasn’t protective enough. The 4,000-foot cut-off was arbitrary and lacking in scientific justification, he claimed, and would exclude too many lakes, ponds, and wetlands from jurisdiction. But he added that

in other ways the rule had gone too far, since it assigned jurisdiction to what he called “truly isolated waters,” such as prairie potholes, with questionable connections to navigable waters.

Predicting the rule wouldn’t survive judicial review, Wood wrote, “This assertion of CWA jurisdiction over millions of acres of isolated waters may well be seen by the federal courts as regulatory over-reach, which undermines [the rule’s] legal and scientific credibility.”

Critics were quick to pounce. Notably, representatives from the farm lobby complained that the language excluding irrigation ditches was too vague, and they ridiculed the jurisdiction over dry tributaries simply because computer models might reveal prior indicators of flow. According to Don Parrish, senior director for regulatory relations at the American Farm Bureau in Washington, D.C., the only way farmers could be sure they weren’t breaking the law would be to call a government official and say “Please tell me what on my farm you want to regulate.”

That didn’t sit well with farmers who already know the difference between a stream and a ditch on their own land, Parrish said.

The farm lobby’s relentless attacks on the rule infuriated those who say the agencies bent over backwards to assuage its concerns. Samuels, the recently retired Justice Department attorney, said the lobby’s campaign to portray farmers as victims was an exercise in alternative fact-making. The rule retained preferential treatment for farmers, Samuels said, and “actually went one step further by requiring case-by-case determinations of significant nexus for agricultural wetlands that would otherwise be automatically jurisdictional if not used for farming purposes.”

Even so, he said, the farm lobby overreacted and mischaracterized the rule.

President Trump himself mischaracterized the rule by claiming it would regulate “nearly every puddle,” when in fact it explicitly exempted puddles from federal jurisdiction. Meanwhile, opinions differed sharply over how much acreage the rule would add to federal oversight. The EPA’s estimate was 1,500 acres, while the editors of Oklahoma’s largest newspaper, *The Oklahoman*, claimed that “an estimated 8.1 million miles of supposed rivers and streams will be affected.”



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EXPERTS NOW SAY the rule's demise could be imminent, given that President Trump, EPA administrator Scott Pruitt, and the Republican majority in Congress are all united against it. So where does that leave prospects for streams and wetlands?

Repealing the Clean Water Rule is simply a first step toward the Trump administration's broader goal, which as stated in the executive order is to redefine Waters of the United States according to Scalia's opinion in the *Rapanos* case. Environmental groups see that as a worst-case scenario. "It's impossible to overstate the harm that could result from making more than half of the nation's waters more vulnerable to pollution and destruction," said Devine of the Natural Resources Defense Council.

But according to Samuels, efforts to adopt Scalia's opinion as the law of the land would still face significant legal challenges. No court has ever concluded that the Act's jurisdiction must be based solely on Scalia's opinion, he explained. Instead, the courts have leaned more often toward Kennedy's significant-nexus test, and "if the Trump administration were to attempt a new, narrower definition of Waters of the United States on *policy* grounds rather than on a revised *legal* interpretation of *Rapanos*, it would still face an uphill battle in any future litigation," Samuels said.

Notably, he added, the Trump administration would have to justify its disregard for research that overwhelmingly demonstrates the substantial ecological connectivity between streams and wetlands and navigable waters.

Should federal protection be reduced, then it would be up to the states to take up the regulatory slack. Chris Wilke, executive director of Puget Soundkeeper, a Seattle-based environmental group, warns that absent sufficient federal oversight, states might fall victim to special-interest pressure to weaken their own protections — a prediction that Samuels agrees with. That could trigger a race to the bottom, both say, wherein states cut back on their environmental rules in a competition to attract industries. For instance, Wisconsin officials recently offered to exempt the Taiwanese company Foxconn from state wetland regulations at the site of a proposed 20 million-square-foot electronics plant in the south of the state.

"This is why we need a strong and protective Clean Water Act that establishes a national baseline," Wilke wrote in an email.

However, John Kolanz, a partner with Otis, Bedingfield & Peters, a Colorado law firm, who has written extensively on the Clean Water Rule, thinks those fears are overblown. He points out that environmental values have shifted since the Clean Water Act was passed in 1972. "While priorities might differ from state to state, most people understand that racing to the bottom will impair the ability to attract good

employers and an educated workforce,” he said. “A recent report shows that outdoor recreation generates \$28 billion in consumer spending annually in Colorado. It would not make economic sense for Colorado to let its waters degrade.”

Ironically, developers and farmers who have fought the rule may see little relief if it is repealed, according to Reagan Waskom, director of the Colorado Water Institute at Colorado State University. In passing the rule, the Obama administration had hoped to create greater clarity and reduce the number of case-by-case significant-nexus evaluations, which can drag on for years and consume thousands or even millions of dollars. In one particularly egregious case, Northern Integrated Supply Project, a proposed reservoir and water distribution project in Colorado’s Northern Front Range, has been negotiating its Clean Water Act permit since 2004. More than \$18 million has been spent on site investigations so far, and the permit has yet to be granted.

Withdrawing from the Clean Water Rule would put regulation back to where it was in the 1980s, Waskom said, with uncertainty surrounding how we interpret requests for determining jurisdiction. Getting a new rule in place will take a long time, he added. Meanwhile, the Clean Water Act will remain in force, and the agencies will still have to implement the law in accordance with existing standards.

“The regulated community might find itself in an even slower world than it’s in now,” Waskom said.

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1. Courts: The reach of federal judges should be limited in its scope

Daily News (Los Angeles, CA) September 04, 2018 Word Count: 691

...This issue just arose again in the context of the "Waters of the United States" ("WOTUS") rule. In that rule, President Obama's Environmental Protection agency said that...
...of view. California's state officials have announced they applaud the WOTUS rule. But consider the farm state of Arkansas - not represented in...

When should a single federal judge have the authority to issue a nation-wide injunction? This issue arose last year in the context of President Trump's order revoking visas for certain applicants largely, but not exclusively, from predominantly

2. State seeks movement in WOTUS case

Brunswick News, The (GA) August 28, 2018 Word Count: 485

...comment and consideration when Pruitt announced the suspension of the Waters of the United States rule through 2020. Norton wrote, "By refusing to allow public comment and consider the merits of the WOTUS rule and the 1980s regulation, the agencies did not allow a...
...merits of the states' challenges to the legality of the WOTUS rule in this case. To that end, the state respectfully note...

Aug. 28--Following a win by environmental advocates in a federal district court in South Carolina, the state of Georgia -- and its 10 co-plaintiffs -- are trying to speed up the process of trying to strike down an Obama administration Clean Water

3. Cramer's Farm Bill priorities for North Dakota

Bismarck Tribune, The (ND) August 26, 2018 Word Count: 698

...23 other states continue to benefit from a stay of WOTUS while the rule is being litigated, the 26 remaining states are once again...

Here's some good news for North Dakota! Our state's entire delegation was appointed to serve on the 2018 Farm Bill Conference Committee. I am honored to join Sen. John Hoeven and Sen. Heidi Heitkamp in representing the interests of North Dakota in

4. OPINION: Bill Schuette's environmental hypocrisy

Detroit Free Press August 25, 2018 Word Count: 1134

...enlisted in a similar lawsuit to block enforcement of the **Waters of the United States rule**, a regulation the EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of...

Aug. 25--In his eight years as Michigan's attorney general, Bill Schuette has been a champion for Michigan's environment in approximately the same sense that Bill Clinton has been a poster boy for marital fidelity. But another statewide election is

5. EDITORIAL: Federal water rule a threat to Oklahoma

Daily Oklahoman, The August 24, 2018 Word Count: 490

...Word Count: 490 Aug. 24--email Advertisement THE Obama administration's "**Waters of the United States rule**" is an overly broad and economically destructive proposal that several...

...for the Sixth Circuit issued a nationwide stay of the **WOTUS rule**, echoing the North Dakota court's logic. But that stay was...

Aug. 24--email Advertisement

6. WOTUS ruling muddies regulatory waters

Capital Press (Salem, OR) August 23, 2018 Word Count: 493

...USA OR Oregon NorthAmerica 3078 Word Count: 493 The controversial **Waters of the United States rule** lives again, at least in 26 states - including Oregon, Washington...

...bodies of water that have a "significant nexus" with navigable **waters of the United States**. The **rule** left it to the bureaucrats to determine that nexus, and...

The controversial Waters of the United States rule lives again, at least in 26 states - including Oregon, Washington and California.

7. AG renews challenge to Obama-era WOTUS rule

Woodward News, The (Woodward, OK) August 22, 2018 Word Count: 292

...Online) 2018 WLN 25674199 AG renews challenge to Obama-era **WOTUS rule** Oklahoma Attorney General Woodward News, The (Woodward, OK) News...

...that overturned President Donald Trump's attempt to delay the contentious **Waters of the United States rule**. The judge's decision reinstates the 2015 **WOTUS rule** immediately in Oklahoma and 25 other states. On Friday, the...

TULSA - Attorney General Mike Hunter has taken action in response to a South Carolina federal judge's ruling

that overturned President Donald Trump's attempt to delay the contentious Waters of the United States rule.

8. Farm Bureau continues fight to stop WOTUS implementation

Capital Press (Salem, OR) August 20, 2018 Word Count: 535

...with rulemaking requirements in suspending the rule and reinstated the **WOTUS rule** nationwide. Federal courts in North Dakota and Georgia, however, have...

...the court to issue a nationwide injunction against the 2015 **WOTUS rule**. In November 2017, the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers...

The American Farm Bureau Federation took quick action following a federal judge's ruling in South Carolina that would make the controversial 2015 Waters of the U.S. rule immediately applicable in 26 states under the Clean Water Act.

9. COURTS GIVE ENVIRONMENTAL VICTORIES

Chattanooga Times (Free Press, TN) August 20, 2018 Word Count: 816

...Clean Water Rule - also an Obamaera rule known as the **Waters of the United States**. The **rule** asserts federal power over small waterways like wetlands and streams...

It's been a while since we got any "good news" environmental stories.

10. Court reinstates suspended WOTUS rule

Capital Press (Salem, OR) August 17, 2018 Word Count: 494

...Or.) (Pg. Unavail. Online) 2018 WLNR 25221566 Court reinstates suspended **WOTUS rule** Capital Press (Salem, OR) News...

...District Court in South Carolina has reinstated the controversial 2015 **Waters of the United States rule** that expanded EPA and Army Corps of Engineers jurisdiction under...

A U.S. District Court in South Carolina has reinstated the controversial 2015 Waters of the United States rule that expanded EPA and Army Corps of Engineers jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act.

11. Environmental Law: U.S. EPA and Corps of Engineers work to repeal 2015 waters of the U.S. rule

Daily Record (Rochester, NY) August 17, 2018 Word Count: 908

...the Corps of Engineers to review and rescind the 2015 "waters of the United States" rule that was issued under the Clean Water Act. The rule...

On Feb. 28, 2017, President Donald Trump issued an Executive Order directing the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Corps of Engineers to review and rescind the 2015 "waters of the United States" rule that was issued under the Clean

12. Federal judge stops efforts to block Clean Water Rule from going into effect

Gwinnett Daily Post (Lawrenceville, GA) August 16, 2018 Word Count: 498

...498 President Donald Trump's administration can't block the Obama-era Waters of the United States rule from going into effect, a federal judge in South Carolina...

...federal district court today, the overbroad, vague and illegal 2015 Waters of the United States Rule is now the law of the land in twenty-six...

President Donald Trump's administration can't block the Obama-era Waters of the United States rule from going into effect, a federal judge in South Carolina said in a ruling Thursday.

13. Audubon Opposes Repeal of Clean Water Rule

Pioneer, The (Big Rapids, MI) August 16, 2018 Word Count: 265

...closed on a proposal to rescind and eventually replace the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule yesterday, the National Audubon Society submitted a letter to the...

WASHINGTON - As the public comment period closed on a proposal to rescind and eventually replace the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule yesterday, the National Audubon Society submitted a letter to the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers

14. The evidence is clear: America is back since election

Des Moines Register, The (Des Moines, IA) August 15, 2018 Word Count: 665

...Pipelines. We're rolling back the Clean Power Plan and the Waters of the United States rule. And we've withdrawn America from the job-killing Paris Climate...

When I visit Des Moines on Wednesday, I will deliver a message to the hard-working men and women of the Hawkeye State, on behalf of President Trump. We're delivering results for Iowa — and we're just getting started. Just look at the economy. Since

15. Judicial conservatism protects California's resistance to the Trump administration

San Bernardino County Sun (CA) August 13, 2018 Word Count: 680

...the change in federal enforcement policy within our state. The " **Waters of the United States** " rule, under which the federal EPA asserted jurisdiction over irrigation on...

Since the election of President Trump, California has attempted to remove itself from the reach of the federal government in many ways. Curiously, Trump's judicial appointees are likely to uphold California's attempts to do so. Angered by the

16. Morrisey touts pro-Trump platform during Beckley visit

Register-Herald, The (Beckley, WV) August 08, 2018 Word Count: 734

...signed an executive order in March 2017 to undo the **Waters of the United States Rule**, which Morrisey had fought in a 31-state coalition. "This...

Aug. 08--In a visit Tuesday to southern West Virginia, Patrick Morrisey -- the state's attorney general and Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate -- blasted U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., calling the former governor of the state a "dishonest

17. Scott Pruitt is gone. But his EPA remains, and Idaho industry groups are thrilled

Idaho Statesman (Boise) August 05, 2018 Word Count: 1343

...administration, and previously set to take effect this year. The " **Waters of the United States** " rule — hotly debated in Idaho for several years — added many smaller...

When Scott Pruitt visited Boise in June, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency administrator was facing a series of ethics and spending scandals, overshadowing his announcement that Idaho would take control of a key water pollution oversight

18. Exciting news about the economy

Idaho State Journal (Pocatello, ID) August 03, 2018 Word Count: 604

...pertaining to national monuments, sage grouse, and the so-called " **WOTUS Rule** " (which affected puddles, ditches, and other water sources that have...

We received some exciting news about the economy today: Gross domestic product (GDP) surged by 4.1

percent in the second quarter, putting us on track to hit the highest annual growth rate in 13 years.

19. The ways of water

Tahlequah Daily Press (OK) August 03, 2018 Word Count: 694

...working to repeal the 2015 Waters of the United State (**WOTUS** rule, enacted by the Obama administration. The rule scrapped a requirement...

...overturn it," said Mullin in July 19 press release. " The **WOTUS Rule** allowed every creek, ditch, and stream to be treated like...

Aug. 03--Unlike the people of some countries, most U.S. citizens have access to clean water. But as the country's municipalities, businesses, and industrial footprints expand, the nation's water quality could be at risk if protections aren't in

20. Regulations often are a necessary measure

Bonner County Daily Bee (Sandpoint, ID) July 29, 2018 Word Count: 613

...should be in place. Crapo backs the removal of the " **waters of the United States rule**." This rule clarifies regulatory actions taken under the Clean Water...

On Sunday, July 15, the Daily Bee printed a guest opinion from Sen. Mike Crapo. The opinion expressed his belief that the massive de-regulatory actions taken by the Trump administration and the Republicans is a big success. He states the

21. District 11 should be Webster's priority

Citrus County Chronicle (Crystal River, FL) July 25, 2018 Word Count: 337

...also talks about his support of fully repealing the "damaging **waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule**." The current **WOTUS rule**, implemented in 2015, states that water that feeds into the...

From "In one commission race a clash of temperaments; in the other, questions of identity, experience and employment," printed July 23:

22. We must strengthen the Renewable Fuel Standard

Creston News Advertiser (Creston, IA) July 25, 2018 Word Count: 442

...For example, pulling back from the Waters of the U.S. (**WOTUS**) **rule** was a positive step. This rule would have allowed 97...

Just over a month ago, I wrote Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt had "hurt farmers, workers, and simply, hurt Iowa." I said this because his actions were undercutting the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) by handing out

23. Sen. Manchin should vote "yes" on Kavanaugh for Supreme Court

Register-Herald, The (Beckley, WV) July 24, 2018 Word Count: 532

...2015, the EPA again issued a gross overreach with its " **Waters of the United States** " **rule** which would have effectively placed agricultural ponds, fields and puddles...

Last year, when President Trump nominated Judge Neil Gorsuch to the U.S. Supreme Court, he made good on his campaign promise to nominate justices who would hold the U.S. Constitution above all else. With his recent nomination of Judge Brett

24. Environmental groups appeal WOTUS injunction

Brunswick News, The (GA) July 18, 2018 Word Count: 756

...Agency to halt the implementation of the Obama administration-era **Waters of the United States rule** filed a notice of appeal Tuesday regarding U.S. District Court...

July 18--The environmental groups involved in a lawsuit brought by 11 states against the Environmental Protection Agency to halt the implementation of the Obama administration-era Waters of the United States rule filed a notice of appeal Tuesday

25. Freeing the engines of our communities

Bonner County Daily Bee (Sandpoint, ID) July 15, 2018 Word Count: 603

...President Trump issued an Executive Order to undo the 2015 " **Waters of the United States Rule** " that would have exerted federal control over nearly every stream...

I often think about the Americans in communities across this nation who have sat at their desks well into the night trying to make sure they filed necessary paperwork and kept up to date on federal regulations so they can keep their small

26. Pruitt's gone, justifiably . . . But his work should continue

Winchester Star, The (Winchester, VA) July 10, 2018 Word Count: 286

...vigor and was not of a mind to jettison the **Waters of the United States rule**. The first measure imposed draconian emissions regulations on businesses while...

When President Trump appointed former Oklahoma attorney general Scott Pruitt as head of the runaway Environmental Protection Agency, we were elated. After all, Mr. Pruitt had taken the point position among the nation's conservative attorneys

27. Pruitt led a crusade on rule rollbacks He made many of the changes at EPA quickly

Hartford Courant July 07, 2018 Word Count: 947

...its way to lakes, oceans and bays. The so-called **Waters of the United States rule** impacts the water supply for people and wildlife. Pruitt, who...

WASHINGTON - For 37 mostly female farm-workers in California's Central Valley, U.S. policy under Environmental Protection Agency chief Scott Pruitt became personal not long after sunup one day in May 2017. Picking cabbage that morning, the workers

28. Pruitt's toxic legacy leaves its mark

New Zealand Herald July 07, 2018 Word Count: 1280

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29. EPA administrator Scott Pruitt resigns

Parsons Sun (Parsons, KS) July 06, 2018 Word Count: 260

...that the good progress that's been made in rescinding the **WOTUS rule** will continue. National Corn Growers Association president and North Dakota...

Scott Pruitt has resigned as administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

30. N.M. activists, officials decry Pruitt's policies [Corrected 08/24/18]

Santa Fe New Mexican (NM) July 06, 2018 Word Count: 764

...out that Pruitt suspended for two years the Obama-era **Waters of the United States rule**. Critics say this will allow the Trump administration to work...

CORRECTION: A story published on Page A-1 of the Friday, July 6, 2018, edition of The New Mexican, about local reaction to the resignation of Environmental Protection Agency administrator Scott Pruitt, incorrectly referred to multistate lawsuits

31. Pruitt's resignation end of 'frustrating' time for corn growers, environmentalists

St. Joseph News-Press (MO) July 06, 2018 Word Count: 645

...a seat at the table on issues such as the **Waters of the United States rule** and regulations that farmers, ranchers and others saw as too...

Three weeks after Scott Pruitt touted his work undoing Obama-era regulations to Nebraska farmers and business leaders, President Donald Trump accepted the resignation of the scandal-plagued leader of the Environmental Protection Agency.

32. Industry associations seek to intervene in clean water lawsuit

Brunswick News, The (GA) July 05, 2018 Word Count: 513

...Obama administration clean water rule commonly referred to as the **Waters of the United States rule**, or **WOTUS**. U.S. District Court Judge Lisa Godbey Wood issued an order...

July 05--A group of industry associations filed a motion June 29 to join a lawsuit regarding the implementation of a 2015 Obama administration clean water rule commonly referred to as the Waters of the United States rule, or WOTUS.U.S. District

33. Tilting the scales

Hazen Star (Hazen, ND) July 05, 2018 Word Count: 752

...deemed unconstitutional, such as the Affordable Care Act and the "**Waters of the United States rule**" of the Obama administration. With Republicans in power now, Democrats...

There sure has been a lot of focus on the Supreme Court of the United States (or SCOTUS) recently.

34. Heitkamp plans on visiting Wahpeton Friday

Daily News, The (Wahpeton, ND) July 03, 2018 Word Count: 616

...vote. It included repeal of the Waters of the U.S. (**WOTUS**) **rule** and changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Program (SNAP). "The Farm...

With midterm elections just over four months away, North Dakota's U.S. Senate candidates continue increasing their profile in the state.

35. The Energy 202: Kennedy's retirement could bring a seismic shift to environmental lawHis departure immediately put some environmental groups on edge.

WashingtonPost.com June 28, 2018 Word Count: 2385

...Engineers went about crafting a new wetlands regulation — called the **Waters of the United States rule** — designed to satisfy Kennedy's interpretation. But with a new ideological...

THE LIGHTBULB Justice Anthony M. Kennedy's announcement that he will soon step down from the Supreme Court sent shock waves through Washington on Wednesday.

36. CONGRESSIONAL VOTES

Albany Herald, The (Albany, GA) June 24, 2018 Word Count: 2505

...with 96 yeas. YEAS: Perdue R-GA, Isakson R-GA **WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES RULE**: The Senate has tabled an amendment sponsored by Sen. Mike...

...5895). The amendment would have voided the Environmental Protection Agency's **Waters of the United States rule**. Lee said if not overturned, the rule will subject land...

WASHINGTON - Here's a look at how area members of Congress voted over the previous week.

37. How the N.C. DELEGATION voted last week

Greensboro News & Record (NC) June 24, 2018 Word Count: 983

...on June 21, was 96 to 0. Yeas: Burr, Tillis **WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES RULE**: The Senate has tabled an amendment to the Energy and...

...Act that amendment would have voided the Environmental Protection Agency's **Waters of the United States rule**. The vote to table, on June 21, was 62 to...

Along with roll call votes this week, the House also passed the Children's Health Insurance Program Mental Health Parity Act to ensure access to mental health services for children under the Children's Health Insurance Program; the Advancing High

38. Farm Bill takes another step forward

Williston Daily Herald (Williston, ND) June 24, 2018 Word Count: 1223

...to address problems with Area Risk Coverage and Swamp Buster rules. "If (WOTUS) is one of the things we can keep in when...

A repeal of Waters of the U.S. is among features of the U.S. House of Representative Farm Bill that Congressman Kevin Cramer believes North Dakota farmers will like, as well as fixes he was able to introduce to address problems with Area Risk

39. House narrowly OKs farm bill Legislation had failed on prior try last month

Journal - Gazette June 22, 2018 Word Count: 441

...Rep. Jim Banks, R-3rd, that would permanently repeal the Waters of the United States rule, which has been held up by a federal court since...

A deeply polarizing farm bill passed the House on party lines Thursday, a month after the legislation went down to stunning defeat after getting ensnared in the toxic politics of immigration. The legislation, which passed 213-211, includes

40. The Energy 202: Trump's plan to overhaul government would give Interior and EPA more powerThe plan is unlikely to pass congressional muster.

WashingtonPost.com June 22, 2018 Word Count: 2738

...spending bill from being used for enforcement of the controversial Waters of the United States rule, which expanded federal jurisdiction over more waterways. While Republicans have...

THE LIGHTBULB The White House on Thursday unveiled a radical overhaul of the federal bureaucracy, including many of the agencies managing energy and natural resources.

41. To stay in his job, Pruitt sticks close to president

Washington Post, The (Washington, D.C.) June 17, 2018 Word Count: 1852

...groups and developers have been staunch critics of the 2015 rule, known as Waters of the United States. "Time to provide farmers & ranchers nationwide w/ regulatory certainty!" Pruitt...

In the run-up to the decision to pull out of the Paris climate agreement last May, President Trump wanted the opinion of Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt. But when the president's personal secretary called the EPA, Pruitt

42. Trump's move threatens wetlands banks; Pruitt OKs proposal to redefine federally protected waterways

Houston Chronicle June 16, 2018 Word Count: 853

...for implementing President Donald Trump's executive order to replace the **Waters of the United States rule**, or **WOTUS**, with a much more limited definition of what constitutes a...

...to include even more wetlands as protected waterways under the **WOTUS rule**, and investors responded positively, because sustained government support reduced the...

GAINESVILLE, Fla. - A private firm is making big money selling promises about some gator-infested Florida swampland. The Panther Island Mitigation Bank isn't another land boondoggle but part of a federal system designed to restore wetlands across

43. Federal judge blocks EPA clean-water regulation

Atlanta Journal and Constitution (GA) June 15, 2018 Word Count: 321

...the U.S. District Court in Brunswick determined that a 2015 **Waters of the United States rule** infringed on states' rights to regulate the land and water...

A federal judge recently ruled in favor of Georgia and 10 other states that sought to block the Environmental Protection Agency from regulating the pollution of wetlands and tributaries.

44. Trump's environmental policy roll-backs might cause 80,000 more deaths a decade from chemical exposure and respiratory illnesses, Harvard study finds

Daily Mail Online (UK) June 15, 2018 Word Count: 570

...of Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards or automobiles, and revoking the **Waters of the United States Rule** - which are Obama-era rules for clean air, chemical and...

Environmental policy changes proposed by the Trump administration could lead to an extra 80,000 American deaths per decade, according to two Harvard scientists. David Cutler, a public-health economist, and Francesca Dominici, a biostatistician, say

45. Federal court puts brakes on water rule

Deseret Morning News June 15, 2018 Word Count: 427

...a temporary injunction to halt implementation of the so-called **Waters of the United States rule**, or **WOTUS**, because of its expansion of regulatory oversight. "We are encouraged...
...court has agreed with the merits of our challenge. The **WOTUS rule** vastly and unnecessarily expands federal regulatory powers in a way...

O'DonoghueDeseret News

46. EPA Moves To Replace Obama-Era Rule Protecting Drinking Water For 117 Million

Huffington Post June 15, 2018 Word Count: 433

...revoke the 2015 Clean Water Rule, also known as the **Waters of the United States**, or **WOTUS**, rule. The regulation clarified which wetlands and streams could be protected...
...keeping w/ @POTUS 's promise, we have stopped the 2015 # **WOTUS rule** & I just announced to folks in Lincoln that a much more reasonable # **WOTUS rule** will be sent to OMB tomorrow. Time to provide farmers...

The Environmental Protection Agency on Friday inched closer to proposing a regulation to replace an Obama-era rule that clarified which bodies of water qualified for federal protection. The proposal comes more than a year after EPA administrator

47. Nebraskans voice ethanol concerns as EPA chief visits

Omaha World-Herald (NE) June 15, 2018 Word Count: 546

...in Nebraska on Thursday to talk about the administration's new **Waters of the United States rule**. But he faced pointed questions about another issue important to...

The embattled director of the Environmental Protection Agency was in Nebraska on Thursday to talk about the administration's new Waters of the United States rule.

48. EPA to roll back water pollution regulation#para# Pruitt also plans to gut Obama-era rule on tailpipe fumes

San Diego Union-Tribune June 15, 2018 Word Count: 485

...of a new water regulation to replace the Obama-era rule, known as **Waters of the United States**, would hand a victory to two important groups for the...

WASHINGTON

49. Pruitt says he backs E15; ethanol industry calls for him to be fired

St. Joseph News-Press (MO) June 15, 2018 Word Count: 656

...the EPA administrator was in Lincoln to discuss a revised **Waters of the United States rule** that will begin making its way through the rule-making...

...here as well." Ricketts also applauded Pruitt's action on the **WOTUS rule** - which Pruitt said was written for clarity and to partner...

Environmental Protection Agency chief Scott Pruitt offered an unequivocal endorsement for ethanol production to Nebraska ag and business leaders on Thursday, reiterating a Trump administration promise that 15 billion gallons of blended fuel would

50. The Energy 202: Trump appointee at EPA to scrutinize which pollution cases may go to court

WashingtonPost.com June 15, 2018 Word Count: 3050

...chief confirmed that plan on Twitter: What's going on: The **rule**, called **Waters of the United States**, has long been in the administration's crosshairs. The pending submission...

THE LIGHTBULB A political appointee at the Environmental Protection Agency will review which pollution violations are referred to the Justice Department for possible civil enforcement, a move some former officials describe as providing President

51. Pruitt to meet with Ricketts during roundtable talk

St. Joseph News-Press (MO) June 14, 2018 Word Count: 162

...2015. Pruitt previously visited Nebraska last October to discuss the **WOTUS rule** with Ricketts and Common Sense Nebraska, but that meeting was...

Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt will meet with Gov. Pete Ricketts and ag leaders for a roundtable discussion about the Waters of the U.S. rule Thursday afternoon.

52. Federal judge blocks 'Waters of the United States' clean-water rule

Atlanta Business Chronicle June 13, 2018 Word Count: 229

...Chron. (Pg. Unavail. Online) 2018 WLNR 18247277 Federal judge blocks ' **Waters of the United States**' clean-water **rule**
Dave Williams Atlanta Business Chronicle...

...Southern District of Georgia agreed that if the so-called " **Waters of the United States** " (**WOTUS**) **rule** became effective, the states would suffer irreparable harm in both...

A federal judge has granted a preliminary injunction blocking enforcement of a clean-water rule imposed by the Obama administration, siding with Georgia and 10 other states. In an order issued late last week, the U.S. District Court for the Southern

53. Federal court blocks implementation of WOTUS rule in Kansas

Hutchinson News (Hutchinson, KS) June 13, 2018 Word Count: 400

...Kan) A4 2018 WLNR 18194983 Federal court blocks implementation of **WOTUS rule** in Kansas Kansas Agland Hutchinson News (Hutchinson, KS) KS News...

...federal district court blocked the federal government from implementing the **WOTUS rule** in Kansas Friday. The Clean Water Act: Definition of Waters of the United States - commonly known as the **WOTUS rule** - is part of an act finalized by the Obama administration...

A federal district court blocked the federal government from implementing the WOTUS rule in Kansas Friday.

54. Injunction granted for 2015 Waters of the United States rule

Albany Herald, The (Albany, GA) June 12, 2018 Word Count: 305

...Pg. Unavail. Online) 2018 WLNR 18072058 Injunction granted for 2015 **Waters of the United States rule** Albany Herald, The (Albany, GA)...

...Georgia has granted a preliminary injunction that blocks the 2015 **Waters of the United States**, or **WOTUS rule** for Georgia and 10 other states. "For almost three years, Georgia has led a multistate coalition fighting against the **WOTUS Rule**, which infringes on the states' traditional role as primary regulators...

June 12--ATLANTA -- Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr has announced that the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia has granted a preliminary injunction that blocks the 2015 Waters of the United States, or WOTUS, rule for

55. Federal court orders injunction in EPA suit

Brunswick News, The (GA) June 12, 2018 Word Count: 368

...of federal agencies to prevent the implementation of the 2015 **Waters of the United States rule**. In her order, Wood wrote that the states -- Georgia, Alabama...

...Administrator Scott Pruitt announced in January the suspension of the **WOTUS rule** through at least 2020....

June 12--U.S. District Court Judge Lisa Godbey Wood granted a motion in Brunswick, Friday, for a preliminary injunction, on behalf of a group of mostly Southern and Midwestern states, that sued a group of federal agencies to prevent the

56. CHENEY CONFIDENT IN RE-ELECTION BID

Laramie Boomerang (Laramie, WY) June 12, 2018 Word Count: 835

...repeal of Clean Water Rule (sometimes referred to as the "waters of the United States" rule, or WOTUS), which defined the scope of federal water protection. Such congressional...

CHEYENNE - As she heads into her first bid for re-election, U.S. Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyoming, will be touting Republicans' efforts in Washington, D.C., to push back against what she deemed "a war on the West" waged by the previous administration.

57. Additional \$30M is secured for the W.Va. economy

Register-Herald, The (Beckley, WV) June 12, 2018 Word Count: 312

...forest. In addition, it includes a full repeal of the Waters of the United States rule, building on actions taken by Congress and an executive order...

washington - U.S. Representative Evan Jenkins (R-W.Va.) has secured an additional \$30 million for West Virginia to invest in diversifying the economy and attracting new industries.

58. Now in Sessions: High praise for Trump, low marks for ACA

Denver Post (CO) June 09, 2018 Word Count: 835

...administration's actions. He highlighted work to repeal the Obama-era Waters of the United States, or WOTUS, rule and roll back other regulations passed under the previous president...

U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions sang President Donald Trump's praises Friday in Denver at the Western Conservative Summit in a speech that at times felt more like a campaign rally, steering clear of marijuana but hammering home a message of

59. Pruitt's top attorney, Sarah Greenwalt, leaving EPA for Oklahoma state board

Oklahoman June 07, 2018 Word Count: 369

...working to rewrite the Obama-era Waters of the U.S. rule, or WOTUS, which expanded federal jurisdiction over water. "Sarah has been a...

Sarah Greenwalt, who served as Scott Pruitt's top attorney in both Oklahoma and at the Environmental Protection Agency, has resigned from the EPA and will return to Oklahoma. Greenwalt will leave the agency on Wednesday to serve as general counsel

60. Judge to issue order in WOTUS lawsuit

Brunswick News, The (GA) June 02, 2018 Word Count: 433

...filed suit to block the implementation of the Obama administration's Waters of the United States rule in the Clean Water Act. But just because the Trump...

...led state governments have the same general stance about the WOTUS rule does not mean everyone can shake hands and go home...

June 02--Environmental lawsuits can be complex, but the one involving Georgia, the Environmental Protection Agency, numerous other states -- and potentially a group of conservation organizations -- is more complex than most. A lot occurred between

61. Emails shed new light on Pruitt's Nebraska trip

Beatrice Daily Sun (Beatrice, NE) May 27, 2018 Word Count: 1432

...meetings were a series of regulatory reforms, including the proposed Waters of the United States rule that sought to expand the definitions of which bodies of...

...escaped public view, the EPA rolled back the so-called WOTUS rule and finalized the loosening of rules for disposing of creosote...

Hours after Scott Pruitt met with state officials in a closed-door meeting at the Governor's Mansion, the Environmental Protection Agency chief also met privately with railroad executives in Omaha, emails released earlier this month as part of a

62. Outlook: House GOP Tries to Get Back on Track After Farm Bill Collapse The calendar is stacked as bills on "right to try," the defense authorization and Dodd-Frank reform await lawmakers.

National Journal Daily May 21, 2018 Word Count: 1994

...the Obama-era Clean Water Rule, known colloquially as the Waters of the United States rule, is included. The Environmental Protection Agency is going through the...

After the embarrassing failure of their partisan farm bill, House Republicans will try to get their legislative calendar back on track this week by passing a sweeping defense authorization and sending a pair of Senate-passed bills to the

63. Bill that includes ARC, Army Corps projects funding passes

Register-Herald, The (Beckley, WV) May 18, 2018 Word Count: 256

...the NETLC Center in Morgantown. Other priorities include repealing the **Waters of the United States rule** and prohibiting changes to federal jurisdiction under the Clean Water...

May 18--Funding for the Appalachian Regional Commission and the Army Corps of Engineers are included in a 2019 fiscal year Energy and Water Appropriations bill as passed out of the U.S. House Appropriations Committee Wednesday. The bill includes

64. EPA's Pruitt Faces Bipartisan Criticism at Senate Spending Panel

Roll Call (USA) May 16, 2018 Word Count: 840

...confirmed that he expects a finalized proposed withdrawal of the **Waters of the United States rule** "sometime in the third quarter of this year," and then...

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt faced a bipartisan lashing at a Senate Interior-Environment Appropriation Subcommittee hearing where agency scandals largely eclipsed discussion of the fiscal 2019 budget. "I am concerned that many of the important

65. 'We feel that United Way can fill this gap'

Bismarck Tribune, The (ND) May 12, 2018 Word Count: 584

...This is government at its worst." -- Mac Schneider, on the **Waters of the United States rule** that has been suspended by the Environmental Protection Agency. The...

"I suggested to him that we don't change anything because if you've got something going, why mess with it?"-- Bill Wood, who has sold The Woodhouse restaurant in Bismarck. He has operated the restaurant since 1969. The new owner, Dan Vondrachek II,

66. Letter: EPA selling out to corporate interests

Herald Bulletin, The (Anderson, IN) May 11, 2018 Word Count: 256

...and over regulation." As an example, he suggests the "terrible" **Waters of the United States rule**, which, according to Republican Sen. John Barrasso, "put backyard ponds...
...left in question exactly which waters were covered. The 2015 **Waters of the United States rule**, clarified by adding streams and wetlands. The point of the...

John Aukerman's April 24 letter criticized the recent editorial stating that President Trump and Environmental Protection Agency head Scott Pruitt have "signaled a full-on assault on the environment."

67. Regulation key for Armstrong

Bismarck Tribune, The (ND) May 08, 2018 Word Count: 517

...governed by federal regulations affecting the state, such as the **Waters of the United States rule**, are best managed by North Dakotans. The candidates also generally...

Kelly Armstrong is clear about where he stands on federal regulations."We're better at regulating North Dakota industry in North Dakota than the federal government ever will be," the state's Republican-endorsed U.S. House candidate said. "When we

68. Voters Guide: Crowded field emerges in 9th Congressional District

Reading Eagle (PA) May 07, 2018 Word Count: 496

...regulation that concerns me, as a dairy farmer, is the **Waters of the United States rule**, dealing with water quality. It could create overreach on farms...

May 07--Annual salary: \$174,000Term: 2 years

69. N.D. House candidates largely agree in first debate

Bismarck Tribune, The (ND) May 06, 2018 Word Count: 549

...by the Environmental Protection Agency, particularly its suspension of the **Waters of the United States rule**. "Talk about a case of micromanagement of resources that farmers...

North Dakota's two party-endorsed U.S. House candidates agreed for the most part on issues presented in their first debate. Republican Kelly Armstrong and Democrat Mac Schneider mostly differed on finer details at the debate hosted Saturday morning

70. U.S. Senate seat race: Marked similarities, differences in 3 leading Republican candidates

Bluefield Daily Telegraph (WV) April 29, 2018 Word Count: 894

...policy in addition to a 30-state coalition against the Waters of the United States rule. He also boasts of reaching a settlement with Frontier Communications...

BECKLEY - Although few policy differences separate the three leading Republican candidates vying for the U.S. Senate seat, one political science professor says they have each drawn from different support bases.

71. Pruitt under investigation

WashingtonPost.com April 26, 2018 Word Count: 250

...Association video in which he discussed his opposition to the "Waters of the United States" rule. — The Washington Post...

The inquiries involving EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt include:By the EPA inspector general

72. Trump Helping Economy

Waycross Journal-Herald (Waycross, GA) April 26, 2018 Word Count: 525

...of Title II Internet regulation, and the reconsideration of the Waters of the United States Rule, and suddenly you're talking about real money invested in the...

The Trump presidency can be exhausting. What with tweets, unsavory lawyers, and porn models and actresses, not to mention allegations from the #Resistance, it can be hard to see that the administration is actually getting a lot done.

73. Letter: Trump administration protecting air, water

Herald Bulletin, The (Anderson, IN) April 24, 2018 Word Count: 193

...state matters. For example, Pruitt's EPA has suspended the terrible Waters of the United States rule, which "would have put backyard ponds, puddles, and farm fields...

How ironic that in the second sentence of your April 22 editorial, "Set politics aside and do your part on Earth Day," you wrote, "The 2016 election of President Donald Trump and his subsequent selection of former Oklahoma Attorney General Scott

74. Senate candidates address opioids, gun control, other hot topics (with Gallery & Video)

Register-Herald, The (Beckley, WV) April 24, 2018 Word Count: 1713

...pointed out that as attorney general, he stood against the Waters of the United States rule, which "would've really crimped our economic activity in the U.S..."

The opioid crisis, reproductive rights, gun control and school safety were key issues addressed Tuesday morning by candidates for the national primary elections in May, during the "Meet the Candidates" breakfast at Raleigh County Convention Center.

75. My Turn, Keith Townsend: Pruitt's EPA is harming environment, not protecting

Salisbury Post (Salisbury, NC) April 23, 2018 Word Count: 533

...arsenic, lead and mercury. • Scott Pruitt plans to abolish the Waters of the United States rule which was established in 2015 in order to define which...

While the Trump White House has kept most of us either entertained or outraged during the past 15 months, many of this administration's radical policies have been ignored in the general chaos of the moment.

76. Buzzing about Earth Day

McDonough County Voice, The (IL) April 21, 2018 Word Count: 717

...issuing an executive order directing the EPA to dismantle the Waters of the United States rule (an anti-pollution expansion of authority over wetlands and waterways...

As the annual Earth Day takes place this weekend, the thought arises that since people apparently can no longer count on the U.S. government for as much assistance in environmental progress, it's up to us individually and as volunteers, with small

77. Squeal Award: Bureaucratic Bubble Buildings in Washington

Hamburg Reporter (Hamburg, IA) April 20, 2018 Word Count: 414

...rules and regulations, such as the Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) Rule, can be hundreds or thousands of miles away. Currently, the...

...and neighbors really feel the impact of these decisions, a rule like WOTUS may never have been proposed. This is why, last month...

To drive from my office in Washington, D.C. to the U.S. Department of Agriculture could take a little over 5 minutes (without D.C. traffic).

78. Pruitt should quit after disastrous run as EPA chief

Courier News (Bridgewater, NJ) April 09, 2018 Word Count: 712

...Power Plan, clean car standards, the Superfund Program, ozone pollution **rules**, **Waters of the United States**, and pulled out of the Paris Accords. As head of...

With all the tweets and chaos from the White House, it's easy to miss things. We are losing sight of the war on the environment being lead by Scott Pruitt. Each time Pruitt is in the news these days, he's taking a first-class flight on the

79. Farmers deserve: the return to: regulatory sanity: Mike DeWine: Farmers deserve a return to regulatory sanity

Lima News, The (Ohio) April 08, 2018 Word Count: 492

...Protection Agency. Epitomizing the problem was the Obama EPA's 2015 **Waters of the United States Rule** - a power grab that was also a water and land...

...it didn't mean to cover swimming pools! Some of the **WOTUS Rule** was somewhat technical, so I will simplify it. The Obama...

Sometimes, the best thing that government can do for folks is to stay out of the way. That's especially true when it comes to our agricultural economy. Farmers work hard every day, and the last thing they need is more layers of regulation imposed

80. FRIDAY FARM FOCUS

Daily Ledger (Canton, IL) April 06, 2018 Word Count: 758

...some positive things for agriculture, such as rescinding the controversial **WOTUS rule**. But leading our country into a trade war with China...

Published: April 05, 2018

81. Bradford Co. farmer among those on advocacy visitFarm Bureau members met with EPA, members of Pa.'s Congressional Delegation in D.C.

Farmer's Friend, The (Towanda, PA) April 06, 2018 Word Count: 346

...have been especially pleased with Pruitt's support for withdrawing the **Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule** in favor of creating a rule that includes input from...

A group of 10 farmers, who are Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB) members, including Jodi Calkins from Bradford County, recently met with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt and representatives of Pennsylvania's

82. Alternative views trickle in Protection epitome of 'Hoosier common sense'

Journal - Gazette April 06, 2018 Word Count: 573

...Banks, R-3rd, attacked the Waters of the United Status (**WOTUS**) **rules** proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency, calling them "the worst..."

In a March 30 Journal Gazette column ("Swamped by bureaucracy"), Rep. Jim Banks, R-3rd, attacked the Waters of the United Status (WOTUS) rules proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency, calling them "the worst of unaccountable bureaucracy,"

83. Alternative views trickle in: Banks opts for corporations over constituents

Journal Gazette, The (Fort Wayne, IN) April 06, 2018 Word Count: 533

...understanding that "all Americans can support" the intent of the **Waters of the United States rule**. From there, I'm afraid, his position goes off the rails...

I am grateful to Rep. Jim Banks for calling attention to the issue of waterways ("Swamped by bureaucracy," March 30) and certainly appreciate his understanding that "all Americans can support" the intent of the Waters of the United States rule.

84. PULSE OF THE VOTERS: Aaron Bobeck 'really happy' with president's performance

Goshen News (Goshen, IN) March 31, 2018 Word Count: 695

...regulatory cuts," he said, especially in areas such as the **Waters of the United States rule**, which is about water resource management, and more reasonable levels...

March 31--When Aaron Bobeck voted for Donald Trump as president in 2016, he was doing so because he felt Trump would make smart decisions on taxes, for the economy, for nominating Supreme Court justices, and would eliminate some of the waste, fraud

85. Swamped by bureaucracy Obama-era waterways rule an unneeded regulation for farmers

Journal - Gazette March 30, 2018 Word Count: 473

...ensure this growth continues is to permanently repeal the harmful **Waters of the United States rule**. **WOTUS** was created with the intent of ensuring clean water, a...

...Scott Pruitt calling for a review and repeal of the **WOTUS rule**. Thankfully, Pruitt understands the value of making decisions at the...

With a 17-year-low unemployment rate - 4.1 percent - and a spike in labor force participation, our country is currently experiencing its strongest growth since the end of the Great Recession. Tax reform and regulatory rollback have contributed to

86. Farm Bureau members travel to Washington D.C

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (WI) March 30, 2018 Word Count: 319

...Agency they talked with EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt about the **WOTUS rule**, CERCLA air emissions reporting requirements for farmers and discussed how...

MADISON – Nearly 30 Wisconsin Farm Bureau members and staff were in Washington, D.C during national agriculture week to advocate for farmers. The trip marked the completion of the WFBF Leadership Institute, a year-long leadership training program

87. 100 Things Democrats Could Investigate if They Take PowerKey Democrats have already made clear that the subpoenas to the Trump administration will fly should they win control of one or both chambers.

National Journal Daily March 30, 2018 Word Count: 188

...Air Pollution rule. Pruitt and Trump seek to undo the **Waters of the United States rule**, a controversial move among Democrats. Trump has sided with offshore...

If President Trump and his lawyers want to see what their future holds in the event that the House flips Democratic, they need look no further than the past demands of the minority on the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. Or the

88. Debate covers omnibus spending bill

Grand Island Independent, The (Grand Island, NE) March 29, 2018 Word Count: 865

...he said. He introduced a bill to repeal President Obama's "**Waters of the United States rule**", and was invited to President Trump's signing of an executive...

HASTINGS - The omnibus spending bill approved last week was mentioned a number of times at Wednesday

night's 3rd District Republican primary debate, especially by challenger Kirk Penner of Aurora.

89. Blunt praises Trump generally, but not on trade

Springfield News-Leader (Springfield, MO) March 27, 2018 Word Count: 1521

...regulations, with Blunt listing the Clean Power Plan and the **Waters of the United States' rule** as examples. "There's nothing wrong with appropriate regulation," Blunt said...

President Donald Trump's methods defy obvious explanation, but the Republican real estate mogul has done a fine job in the White House, Missouri Sen. Roy Blunt told a crowd assembled at the Springfield-Area Chamber of Commerce on Monday."The

90. The Energy 202: Meet the government insiders quietly shaping Trump's energy and environment agendaNot every member of the "deep state" is a Democrat.

WashingtonPost.com March 27, 2018 Word Count: 2005

...jurisdiction of federal clean-water limits. The regulation, called the **Waters of the United States rule**, proved to be dramatically unpopular in rural states with farms...

THE LIGHTBULB Meet the cicada.

91. Omnibus bill includes manure reporting exemption

Capital Press (Salem, OR) March 26, 2018 Word Count: 605

...to move forward with their efforts to develop a new **WOTUS rule**. Ag Sectors Livestock Placement Featured Stories Email Alerts Stories of...

Producer groups representing the beef, pork, milk, sheep, poultry and egg industries applauded passage of the \$1.3 trillion spending bill signed into law Friday.

92. Coffman touts public-sector experience as a boon to private sector in gubernatorial run

Denver Business Journal March 22, 2018 Word Count: 1479

...coal companies especially opposed, and she also fought against the **Waters of the United States rule** that she worried would have curtailed water rights in the...

This is the fourth in a series of profiles of candidates for Colorado governor. Watch for more every other week.

As the daughter of a small-town Missouri attorney, Cynthia Coffman watched her father fight for clients and volunteer for many types of

93. Ernst wants to move federal offices, jobs out of Washington ‘bubble’

Gazette, The (Cedar Rapids, IA) March 22, 2018 Word Count: 635

...the United States," Ernst said. The Waters of the U.S. **Rule** -- **WOTUS** -- issued by the EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers...

March 22--CEDAR RAPIDS -- At the same time Congress is struggling to reach agreement on a \$1.3 trillion budget deal to keep the federal government's lights on, Sen. Joni Ernst is proposing to move executive branch agencies out of the Washington

94. The Energy 202: Energy and environment programs escape Trump's ax in spending dealFor Democrats who sought preserve energy and environmental programs held over from the Obama administration, the spending package represents a vict...

WashingtonPost.com March 22, 2018 Word Count: 1920

...have blocked the EPA from enforcing Obama-era methane emissions **rules**, rescinded the **Waters of the United States rule** restricting farm runoff and other pollution from going into streams...

For Democrats who sought preserve energy and environmental programs held over from the Obama administration, the spending package represents a victory.THE LIGHTBULB

95. Letter to the Editor

York News-Times (York, NE) March 22, 2018 Word Count: 262

...US rule. Adrian led the House resolution to repeal the **WOTUS rule** in Congress, and joined President Trump at the White House...

Dear editor:

96. SCOTUS rules on WOTUS Rule but after POTUS OrderA National Ag Week Exclusive:

Devils Lake Journal (Devils Lake, ND) March 21, 2018 Word Count: 1503

...Lake J. (Devils Lake, N.D.) A1 2018 WLN 8955807 SCOTUS **rules** on **WOTUS Rule** but after POTUS Order A National Ag Week Exclusive: J...

...the two agencies issued a Rule in June 2015, the **Waters of the United States Rule**, commonly referred to as the **WOTUS**

Rule. This defined what waters were regulated. North Dakota led a...

What are the waters of the United States? Justice Sonia Sotomayor asks this with the introduction of her opinion for the United States Supreme Court decision, "National Association of Manufacturers, Petitioner, versus Department of Defense, et. al

97. SCOTUS rules on WOTUS Rule but after POTUS Order

Devils Lake Journal (Devils Lake, ND) March 21, 2018 Word Count: 358

...Devils Lake, N.D.) (Pg. Unavail. Online) 2018 WLNR 8802009 SCOTUS **rules** on **WOTUS Rule** but after POTUS Order J. Reed Anderson; Devils Lake Journal...

...the two agencies issued a Rule in June 2015, the **Waters of the United States Rule**, commonly referred to as the **WOTUS Rule**. This defined what waters were regulated. North Dakota led a...

March 21--What are the waters of the United States? Justice Sonia Sotomayor asks this with the introduction of her opinion for the United States Supreme Court decision, "National Association of Manufacturers, Petitioner, versus Department of

98. Cindy Hyde-Smith Gets Appointment to Mississippi Senate Seat

Roll Call (USA) March 21, 2018 Word Count: 668

...work on rolling back regulations, making specific reference to the **Waters of the United States rule**. Hyde-Smith, a former state senator, also noted her involvement...

Mississippi's Cindy Hyde-Smith will be coming to the U.S. Senate next month.Gov. Phil Bryant formally tapped the Republican agriculture and commerce commissioner to fill the unexpired term of Senate Appropriations Chairman Thad Cochran , who is

99. Arkansas agencies meet on WOTUS in D.C.

Times Record (Fort Smith, AR) March 21, 2018 Word Count: 460

...the Army to review and rescind or revise the 2015 **WOTUS Rule**. The agencies are in the process of reviewing the 2015...
...Engineers in support of language to permanently rescind the 2015 **WOTUS rule**. "The **WOTUS rule** was never about protecting our water in a responsible way...

March 21--Arkansas was one of nine states to participate in a co-regulators meeting for Proposed Rulemaking of Waters of the United States (WOTUS) in Washington, D.C., last week.The Arkansas Agriculture Department

and Arkansas Department of

100. Dirty pool in Clean Water Act rollback: Critics accuse EPA chief of cutting out dissenting voices

Baltimore Sun (MD) March 18, 2018 Word Count: 1122

...could draw costly EPA enforcement actions against them under the **Waters of the United States rule** drafted by Obama's EPA. Pruitt complained of overzealous puddle and...

WASHINGTON - As Environmental Protection Agency chief Scott Pruitt jetted around the country last year, regularly flying first or business class at hefty taxpayer expense, his stated mission was often a noble one: to hear from Americans about how

101. SCHIMEL LAUNCHES BID FOR RE-ELECTION: POLITICS

Capital Times (Madison, WI) March 14, 2018 Word Count: 272

...including the Affordable Care Act, the Clean Power Plan, the **Waters of the United States rule**, a federal overtime rule and a set of guidelines regarding...

Wisconsin Attorney General Brad Schimel will seek re-election in November, he announced last Thursday.

102. EPA chief exclusive in more than his travelPruitt's tour in a push to undo water rules was shaped by secrecy and select audiences, plus the luxury flights.

Los Angeles Times March 11, 2018 Word Count: 1648

...could draw costly EPA enforcement actions against them under the **Waters of the United States rule** drafted by Obama's EPA. Pruitt's complaint in the cattlemen's association...

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103. U.S. to overtake Russia as world's biggest oil producer

WND (WorldNetDaily) March 09, 2018 Word Count: 9313

...in June to begin the process of rescinding the 2015 **Waters of the United States rule**, which has been used to expand federal control over private...

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104. Farmers Lose Faith in TrumpThe risk of a trade war and the administration's indecision on ethanol have the agriculture community worried.

National Journal Daily March 07, 2018 Word Count: 804

...for Trump, and his decision to pull back on the Waters of the United States rule and other regulations has thrilled farmers and ranchers. But indecision...

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—The trust that President Trump has enjoyed from farmers and ranchers has died in one week.About two-thirds of rural Americans voted for Trump, and his decision to pull back on the Waters of the United States rule and other

105. In Bluffs, Pence touts Trump's 'year of action' Vice president promotes progress on taxes, trade, pipeline and more

Omaha World-Herald (NE) March 07, 2018 Word Count: 861

...States. The vice president also noted Trump's repeal of the Waters of the United States rule, his approval of the Keystone XL pipeline and what he...

COUNCIL BLUFFS - Vice President Mike Pence said Tuesday that he wanted to be sure Iowa and Nebraska voters who helped elect President Donald Trump knew about the administration's achievements in its first year.

106. What We Found in Trump's Drained Swamp: Hundreds of Ex-Lobbyists and D.C. InsidersFor the first time, political appointee and federal financial disclosure information is publicly searchable.

ProPublica March 07, 2018 Word Count: 1309

...Power Plan? Repealed . The FCC's net neutrality policy, the EPA's Waters of the United States rule, and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's arbitration rules? All reversed...

<![CDATA[When the Trump administration took office early last year, hundreds of staffers from lobbying firms, conservative think tanks and Trump campaign groups began pouring into the very agencies they once lobbied or whose work they once opposed.

107. Farmers Relieved that Implementation of Rule Delayed

Big Sky Business Journal March 06, 2018 Word Count: 183

...two agencies need to withdraw, then rework the unlawful 2015 **WOTUS rule** to protect water without overstepping their boundaries. " Farmers and ranchers...

Farmers and ranchers expressed relief following action by the U.S. EPA and Army Corps of Engineers to delay implementation of a 2015 rule that expansively defined waters of the U.S. (WOTUS). "Making these agencies realize how detrimental this rule

108. Idaho, 10 other states back Washington in culvert appeal

Capital Press (Salem, OR) March 06, 2018 Word Count: 532

...stop the Environmental Protection Agency from withdrawing the Obama administration's **Waters of the United States rule**. In August, he will lead a "Save Our Coast" hike...

Eleven states from around the U.S. argue that if Washington loses its case in the U.S. Supreme Court over culverts, land-use rules across the country will be at risk of being subordinate to tribal treaty rights.

109. Pence touts Trump's tax cut, 'strong leadership' Vice president stops in Council Bluffs, Omaha

Gazette, The (Cedar Rapids, IA) March 06, 2018 Word Count: 828

...vice president also noted President Donald Trump's repeal of the **Waters of the United States** environmental **rule**, his approval of the Keystone XL pipeline and his "strong...

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110. EPA seeks to delay lawsuit as it dismantles Clean Water Rule

Brunswick News, The (GA) March 05, 2018 Word Count: 440

...farmers and ranchers," Pruitt said in a statement. " The 2015 **WOTUS rule** developed by the Obama administration will not be applicable for...

March 05--Attorneys for 11 states, four environmental advocacy organizations and the federal Environmental Protection Agency will be on a teleconference Friday -- with U.S. District Court Judge Lisa Godbey Wood in Brunswick -- as the EPA seeks to

111. Translating Representative Tipton's votes

Durango Herald, The (Durango, CO) March 03, 2018 Word Count: 243

...exacerbating global warming. He applauded the EPA for delaying the **Waters of the United States rule** of 2015 that would clarify which bodies of water were...

Scott Tipton, our representative in Congress, is working on an impressive record. He voted, at a time of nearly full employment, to increase the deficit by \$1.5 trillion over 10 years, allegedly to create more jobs.

112. EPA leader focuses on outcomes, not punishment

Capital Press (Salem, OR) March 01, 2018 Word Count: 274

...bodies of water that have a "significant nexus" with navigable **waters of the United States**. The **rule** was overly broad, and expanded the already considerable reach of...

In an interview last week with the Daily Signal, a conservative website operated by the Heritage Foundation, Environmental Protection Agency Director Scott Pruitt said the "weaponization" of the agency is over.

113. President's big list of things done gets bigger

WND (WorldNetDaily) February 28, 2018 Word Count: 9228

...in June to begin the process of rescinding the 2015 **Waters of the United States rule**, which has been used to expand federal control over private...

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114. Federal waters rule gets batted around endlessly in the courtrooms

Kitsap Sun (Bremerton, WA) February 22, 2018 Word Count: 1131

...Supreme Court opinion. It became known as the "Clean Water **Rule**" or "**WOTUS**" for Waters of the U.S. Some potential opponents applauded the...

...Pruitt said early on that he would not allow Obama's **WOTUS rule** to go into effect. Before it took effect, the **WOTUS rule** was tied up in the courts, including an injunction issued...

Confusion is nothing new when it comes to figuring out whether federal agencies have jurisdiction over certain wetlands and intermittent streams under the Clean Water Act. And now the Trump administration has guaranteed that confusion will reign a

115. Trump is breaking the environment beyond repair

Boston Globe (MA) February 20, 2018 Word Count: 1093

...domestic solar panel installation industry. Additionally, the administration suspended the “**Waters of the United States rule**,” a key Obama-era regulation designed to reduce pollution in...

Humpty Dumpty famously cannot be “put back together” again. For those who care about the environment, every day since Donald Trump took office is a Humpty Dumpty day —with something being broken beyond repair. The federal government has started

116. Our most precious resource we take for granted

Holland Sentinel, The (Holland, MI) February 20, 2018 Word Count: 877

...ago, President Trump issued an executive order suspending the 2016 **Waters of the United States rule**. **WOTUS** had extended the 1972 Clean Water Act to streams and...

Cape Town, South Africa, is a modern city of nearly 4 million people.

117. Nebraska Farm Bureau endorses Sen. Deb Fischer's re-election bid

Star-Herald (Scottsbluff, NE) February 20, 2018 Word Count: 188

...variety of issues, including: encouraging the repeal of the EPA's **Waters of the United States rule**; promoting trade deals favorable to Nebraska; and introducing a bipartisan...

The political arm of the Nebraska Farm Bureau has thrown its support behind U.S. Sen. Deb Fischer in her bid for re-election.

118. Florida shooting: White House refuses to release photo of Trump signing bill weakening gun laws for mentally ill Calls for images to be made public intensify in wake of massacre

Independent Online (UK) February 16, 2018 Word Count: 405

...Mr Trump signed another bill on the same day, the **Waters of the United States rule**, with images and video of the ceremony being widely circulated...

...Donald Trump speaks as he signs an order withdrawing the **Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule**, 28 February 2017 (AP) The Independent has approached the White House...

The White House has refused to release any images of Donald Trump signing a bill that made it easier for some people with a mental illness to buy guns. Requests from US media outlets initially came after the US President signed the bill into law on 28

119. Letter, 2/14: Fischer good for Nebraska's agriculture

Cherokee Tribune (Canton, GA) February 14, 2018 Word Count: 254

...EPW, Senator Fischer was instrumental in fighting the misguided 2015 **Waters of the United States rule**, which would have subjected every puddle, ditch and stream to...

Considering the upcoming midterm elections, I would like to thank Sen. Deb Fischer for her efforts on behalf of Nebraska's agriculture community.

120. Schwarzenegger knocks Pruitt: 'He should be removed immediately'

New Hampshire Union Leader (Manchester, NH) February 13, 2018 Word Count: 443

...included beginning to repeal the Clean Power Plan and the **Waters of the United States rule**, could have been cribbed from a letter Sen. Ben Sasse...

Since Donald Trump's election, Arnold Schwarzenegger has continued making headlines out of office by trading barbs with the President of his own party over reality-television ratings and racism in Charlottesville, Va.

121. Cattlemen have some beef with fake meat

Abilene Reporter-News (Abilene, TX) February 12, 2018 Word Count: 449

...reform wildfire management and funding programs, and replacing the 2015 **Waters of the United States rule**. New to the priorities list is an emphasis on antimicrobial...

Before the final gavel dropped to close the 2018 National Cattlemen's Beef Association Convention last week in Phoenix, five resolutions were approved by the delegates and entered into the 2018 Policy Priorities document.

122. The Energy 202: Arnold Schwarzenegger knocks Scott Pruitt: 'He should be removed immediately' He's one of the only former GOP elected officials to take on Pruitt.

WashingtonPost.com February 12, 2018 Word Count: 1592

...included beginning to repeal the Clean Power Plan and the **Waters of the United States rule**, could have been cribbed from a letter Sen. Ben Sasse...

THE LIGHTBULB Since Donald Trump's election, Arnold Schwarzenegger has continued making headlines out of office by trading barbs with the president of his own party over reality-television ratings and racism in Charlottesville, Va.

123. AG Ferguson Asks Court to Block EpaS Attempt to Suspend Clean Water Rule

Legal Monitor Worldwide (Jordan) February 09, 2018 Word Count: 562

...challenge against the Trump Administration since January of 2017. The **waters of the United States rule** provides much-needed clarity about which waters qualify for protection...

...every available option to do so. The 2015 Clean Water **Rules** definition of **waters of the United States** clears up ambiguities in 1980s-era regulations by providing a...

Attorney General Bob Ferguson today filed a lawsuit to block the Environmental Protection Agency's attempt to suspend a 2015 rule that defines what waters qualify for federal Clean Water Act regulation while the Trump Administration attempts to

124. The Palm Beach Post, Fla., Frank Cerabino column

Palm Beach Post, The (FL) February 08, 2018 Word Count: 638

...to bad-mouth the federal Clean Power Plan and the **Waters of the United States rule**, a measure designed to protect wetlands and waterways from industrial...

Feb. 08--It would be nice to have notice the next time U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt slips in out of Florida like a ninja. Pruitt made an off-schedule, unannounced Florida visit last week. And it's understandable

125. Oregon, Washington, California sue to save WOTUS

Capital Press (Salem, OR) February 07, 2018 Word Count: 472

...by the District of Columbia, claim that discarding the 2015 **rule's** definition of "**waters of the United States**" will leave them vulnerable to pollution flowing across their borders...

Oregon, Washington, California and seven other states sued the Trump administration Tuesday to rescue the Obama-era Clean Water Rule.

126. State AG's Office Files Suit to Block EPA's Attempt to Suspend Clean Water Rule

Chronicle, The (Centralia, WA) February 07, 2018 Word Count: 372

...wants to change it, it must follow the law." The "waters of the United States" rule provides clarity about which bodies of water qualify for protection...

Feb. 07--Washington state Attorney General Bob Ferguson filed a lawsuit Tuesday to block an attempt by the Environmental Protection Agency to suspend a 2015 rule that defines what bodies of water qualify for Federal Clean Water Act regulation. The

127. Farm Bureau staying busy in the new year.

Daily Herald (Arlington Heights, IL) February 07, 2018 Word Count: 427

...finalized a rule that makes the Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule applicable in two years. The decision prevents the rule from...

We have been busy at the office so far this month. With a meeting on truck regulations last Friday that was attended by more than 30 people from several counties to this past Tuesday, when Dale Durchholz from Agrivisor gave the 21 people in

128. EPA group to evaluate pesticide registration

Polk County Democrat, The (Bartow, FL) February 07, 2018 Word Count: 300

...discussed EPA's efforts this past year to rescind the 2015 "Waters of the United States" (WOTUS) rule, to address dicamba drift issues, and other actions to help...

WASHINGTON (Jan. 31, 2018) - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt spoke at the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture Winter Policy Conference and signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

129. The Energy 202: Democratic senators demand Pruitt recuse himself from rewriting Clean Power Plan

WashingtonPost.com February 07, 2018 Word Count: 2072

...a multistate lawsuit over the Trump administration's delay of the Waters of the United States, or WOTUS, rule. "Make no mistake: abandoning the Clean Water Rule will mean...

THE LIGHTBULB A group of Democratic senators is demanding that Environmental Protection Agency chief Scott Pruitt recuse himself from repealing one of President Obama's signature environmental rules, which is intended to curb the release of

130. Collins denounces state's effort to overturn Trump decision on waters rule

Batavian, The (Batavia, NY) February 06, 2018 Word Count: 391

...the Trump Administration's decision to either rescind or revise the **Waters of The United States (WOTUS) rule** imposed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under President Obama. In 2015, the Obama Administration finalized their **WOTUS rule** giving the EPA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE...

...a construction site to a farm. Adoption of the flawed **WOTUS rule** will have disastrous effects on agriculture, small business, and municipalities...

Press release:

131. EPA chief says he is disarming agency 'weaponized' by Obama

Las Vegas Review-Journal (NV) February 06, 2018 Word Count: 777

...reverse much of Obama's environmental policy, most recently the controversial **Waters of the United States rule**, which sought to extend existing protections for large bodies of...

Environmental Protection Agency chief Scott Pruitt said the Trump administration is "righting the wrongs" of President Barack Obama by reversing a host of regulations designed to "weaponize" the agency and punish the fossil fuel industry. At the end

132. New Litigation Threatens EPA Water-Protections RollbackThe agency has delayed an Obama-era water regulation for two years, and several states and environmental lawyers say they want to challenge it in c...

National Journal Daily February 06, 2018 Word Count: 968

...examples of Obama-era federal overreach. "The Obama administration's outrageous **Waters of the United States rule** would have put backyard ponds, puddles, and farm fields under...

The agency has delayed an Obama-era water regulation for two years, and several states and environmental lawyers say they want to challenge it in court. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt says a two-year delay in a sweeping

133. State of the Union Has Good News for Rural AmericaMISSOURI FARM BUREAU

Boonville Daily News (Boonville, MO) February 05, 2018 Word Count: 516

...has probably been the most impactful. From the completely irrational **Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule** to overreaching and unnecessary rules on farm labor practices, the...

Rural America's priorities have been on Washington, D.C.'s back burner for what feels like ages. Over the past year, we have begun to see a realization from Washington that the area coastal elites call "fly-over country" is actually what binds our

134. Outlook: Yet Another Shutdown Deadline Looms Congress will have to pass a short-term spending bill this week to keep the government open past Thursday.

National Journal Daily February 05, 2018 Word Count: 1482

...Pruitt recently delayed implementation of the regulation, known as the **Waters of the United States rule**, for two years, to the applause of those farmers and...

Turn your shutdown countdown clock back on: Congress has until Thursday night to pass its fifth short-term spending bill since September. At their retreat last week in West Virginia, Republicans said they are eyeing a stopgap measure to keep the

135. EPA delays implementation of the Waters of the U.S. Rule

Grand Island Independent, The (Grand Island, NE) February 04, 2018 Word Count: 757

...rule and - if possible - eliminate it. "The EPA's so-called '**Waters of the United States rule**' is one of the worst examples of federal regulation, and...

...appears that the days of the rule are numbered. The **WOTUS rule** was rolled out by the Obama Administration's EPA in 2015...

WASHINGTON - Almost a year ago, President Donald Trump issued an executive order directing the Environmental Protection Agency to review a contentious Obama-era clean water rule and - if possible - eliminate it.

136. Newhouse praises delay of water rule

Columbia Basin Herald (Moses Lake, WA) February 02, 2018 Word Count: 387

...farmers and ranchers," EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt said. "The 2015 **WOTUS rule** developed by the Obama administration will not be applicable for...

Feb. 02--Print Article WASHINGTON D.C. -- Fourth Congressional District Rep. Dan Newhouse, R-Yakima, is praising a Trump administration decision to delay the implementation of a clean water rule by two years.

137. Ranchers praise delay of federal water rule

Deseret Morning News February 02, 2018 Word Count: 402

...announced a two-year delay to the implementation of the **Waters of the United States rule** that has been fiercely condemned by ranchers, farmers and energy...

O'DonoghueDeseret News

138. EPA, Army put brakes on WOTUS

Capital Press (Salem, OR) February 01, 2018 Word Count: 499

...Court ruling that lifts a stay on implementation of the **WOTUS rule**. That court determined that the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of...

...the agencies' two-year delay on implementation ensures the 2015 **WOTUS rule** never comes back. "We thank Administrator Pruitt and his team..."

The EPA and U.S. Department of the Army on Wednesday finalized a rule that would delay implementation of the controversial 2015 Clean Water Rule for two years while they work to come up with a replacement.

139. EPA blocks Obama-era water rule

Houston Chronicle February 01, 2018 Word Count: 353

...President Donald Trump has taken aim at the bitterly contested **rule**, known as **Waters of the United States**, since his campaign, calling it "one of the worst examples..."

WASHINGTON - The Trump administration has formally suspended a major Obama-era clean water regulation ahead of plans to issue its own version of the rule later this year. President Donald Trump has taken aim at the bitterly contested rule, known as

140. Trump administration rolls back Obama's Clean Water ActEnvironmentalists criticise the change as a 'ridiculous giveaway to polluters'

Independent Online (UK) February 01, 2018 Word Count: 493

...the act by its nickname, the Waters of the US (**WOTUS**) **rule**. Mr Pruitt is expected to roll out his own version...

The Trump administration has blocked Obama-era clean water protections from taking effect, as it prepares to roll out its own, less stringent rules later this year. Environmental Protection Agency Director Scott Pruitt has filed the documents needed

141. The Energy 202: Trump says he has an 'all-of-the-above' energy strategy, but coal gets top billing. Just see past State of the Union addresses.

WashingtonPost.com February 01, 2018 Word Count: 2106

...of the matter to district courts," writes the Times. The **Waters of the United States rule** expands existing federal protections under the Clean Water Act to...

THE LIGHTBULB Want to read more about Trump's energy and environmental policies? Get this newsletter.

142. Clean-water rule delayed to buy time for revisions Trump administration delays expansion of clean-water rule

Winston-Salem Journal (NC) February 01, 2018 Word Count: 372

...Court ruling last week that said legal challenges to the **Waters of the United States**, or **WOTUS**, **rule** should be decided in federal district courts. That will result...

...order nearly a year ago ordering a review of the **WOTUS rule**. By moving the effective date to 2020, the Trump administration...

WASHINGTON - The Trump administration on Wednesday delayed implementation of an Obama-era clean-water rule by another two years to give the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers more time to do away with it.

143. Withdrawal of far-reaching EPA over-regulation recommended COMMENTARY

California Democrat, The (California, MO) January 31, 2018 Word Count: 407

...egregious example of government overreach in recent times was the "**Waters of the United States**" **rule** President Barack Obama first proposed in 2011 and finalized in 2015. Known as **WOTUS**, this **rule** sought to expand the definitions of "Waters of the United..."

...a more logical view prevailed, as legal action stayed the **WOTUS rule** to keep it from going into effect, and last spring...

Overregulation has been claimed so often over the past decade that the charge now frequently falls upon deaf ears. Regulatory proponents usually assert that the specter of overregulation is largely a myth - a widely-held belief that tells a good

144. Common sense policies help grow agriculture

Pensacola News Journal (Pensacola, FL) January 30, 2018 Word Count: 722

...by the Clean Water Act. Their ruling was called the **Waters of the United States Rule**, or **WOTUS Rule** for short. The Obama EPA claimed that the ruling would...

...with one voice, in very loud opposition. Opponents to the **WOTUS Rule** included just about every major group representing agriculture and industry...

As a chamber that sees how federal policies and regulations impact even our smallest businesses, I applaud the recent actions our president and the EPA have taken to positively impact an important industry here in Florida — agriculture. Here in the

145. N.J. Sierra Club: Trump's first year an environmental disaster

Star-Ledger, The (Newark, NJ) January 24, 2018 Word Count: 722

...Scott Pruitt. They've gotten rid of the Clean Power Plan, **Waters of the United States Rule** and the Methane Rule. They've even tried to eliminate the...

environment

146. Sandoval, Laxalt applaud high court's water ruling

Elko Daily Free Press (Elko, NV) January 23, 2018 Word Count: 380

...a case involving a multi-state challenge to President Obama's **Waters of the United States Rule**. The Court clarified that challenges to the **WOTUS rule** must be brought in federal district court, not directly in...

...seeking to prevent those federal agencies from implementing a new **WOTUS rule** that dramatically increased federal authority over land and water resources...

CARSON CITY - Gov. Brian Sandoval and Attorney General Adam Paul Laxalt applauded the U.S. Supreme Court's unanimous ruling in favor of Nevada in a case involving a multi-state challenge to President Obama's Waters of the United States Rule.

147. Supremes join Trump to dismantle Obama power grab

WND (WorldNetDaily) January 22, 2018 Word Count: 653

...farmers, ranchers and other landowners nationwide fighting the Obama-era “**Waters of the United States**” rule. The policy vastly expanded the federal government’s claim to authority over any water, even ditches and puddles. “The EPA’s ‘**waters of the United States**’ rule may be the most brazen - and lawless - expansion of bureaucratic...
...the Clean Water Act, people who are harmed by EPA **rules** like the **WOTUS** regulation can sue in any federal district court, within six...

The Trump administration has worked virtually nonstop since the inauguration to dismantle some of the environmental campaigns launched by Barack Obama, and on Monday the U.S. Supreme Court joined in.

148. Senators, party leaders, Nonpareil Facebook readers reflect on Trump

Daily Nonpareil, The (Council Bluffs, IA) January 20, 2018 Word Count: 1097

...readiness and strength of our military and begin scrapping the **Waters of the United States rule**,” Ernst said in an email. Grassley said he was happy...

Today marks a full year of the presidency of Donald Trump.

149. How Trump dismantled Obama’s legacy in 1 year

WND (WorldNetDaily) January 19, 2018 Word Count: 3474

...in June to begin the process of rescinding the 2015 **Waters of the United States rule**, which has been used to expand federal control over private...

Shortly after President Trump announced his administration would end key payments to insurers selling Obamacare plans and not certify Iran’s compliance with the international nuclear deal President Obama helped broker, CNN anchor Anderson Cooper

150. Trump’s assault on the environment — a year in review

Centre Daily Times (State College, PA) January 17, 2018 Word Count: 611

...Feb. 28, Trump signed an Executive Order to abolish the **Waters of the United States rule**. This **rule** gives the EPA broad authority over regulating the pollution of...

Elections have consequences, and the election of Donald Trump is resulting in great damage to our environment. The following is a summary of Trump’s anti-environmental actions in the past year. They must not be forgotten. On Feb. 17, Trump’s nominee

151. List-plus: Regulatory climate changes predicted

Memphis Business Journal January 16, 2018 Word Count: 789

...or slash their workforces." Local environmental consultants regularly reference the **Waters of the United States rule** - which was enacted in the 1980s and defines those waterways...

"The administration is committed to returning EPA to its core work." Those words can be found in the "Major Savings and Reforms Budget of the U.S. Government Fiscal Year 2018," which was released in May 2017.

152. Agriculture CommitteeSENATORIAL UPDATE

Nebraska City News-Press (Nebraska City, NE) January 16, 2018 Word Count: 671

...join the Agriculture Committee. From fighting to eliminate the harmful **Waters of the United States Rule (WOTUS)**, which would have stripped our state's control over our water...

Like many Nebraskans, my life has been shaped by agriculture. For over 40 years, I've worked with agriculture and rural development organizations across our state and recognized how the success of ag producers is connected to the success of our

153. Prioritizing rural America

Beatrice Daily Sun (Beatrice, NE) January 15, 2018 Word Count: 699

...tax reform to rolling back the Waters of the U.S. **rule**, or **WOTUS**, we are off to a good start on getting government...

To kick off 2018, the American Farm Bureau welcomed President Trump to their annual meeting. It was the first time a U.S. president addressed this gathering in 26 years.

154. Mixed Success For Ag Under Trump

Daily News-Record (Harrisonburg, VA) January 15, 2018 Word Count: 1055

...actions that benefit farmers. Among the rollbacks was the controversial **Waters of the United States rule**, which would have given the agency more control over what...

HARRISONBURG - Donald Trump's presidency turns a year old Saturday, and several state agriculture leaders already count a few victories for the industry under his administration while expressing concern about policy initiatives yet to be decided.

155. Smith: There were many positive outcomes from 2017

Fremont Tribune (Fremont, NE) January 13, 2018 Word Count: 656

...executive order to roll back the Waters of the U.S. **rule**, known as **WOTUS**. This put a stop to a dangerous overreach which would...

There is a lot of work ahead in the new year. Before we undertake a fresh set of challenges, it is good to take stock of the many positive outcomes and accomplishments of 2017.

156. Residents attend Farm Bureau Convention, praise President Trump's remarks, actions

Oak Ridger, The (Oak Ridge, TN) January 12, 2018 Word Count: 746

...that Trump's administration is, in Trump's words, "rolling back," the **Waters of the United States Rule**, an environmental regulation. "It just created all kinds of problems...

Among the people who listened to President Donald Trump's recent speech at the American Farm Bureau Convention in Nashville this week were residents from Anderson and Roane counties.

157. Oregon eyes expanding pesticide authority

Capital Press (Salem, OR) January 11, 2018 Word Count: 425

...overreach, and is reminiscent of the controversy surrounding the 2015 **Waters of the United States rule**. In that instance the Environmental Protection Agency and the Corps...

We think Oregon farm and forest interests are justifiably anxious as the state Department of Environmental Quality works to update its general permit for pesticide discharges under the Clean Water Act.

158. Trump's EPA aims to replace Obama-era climate, water regulations in 2018

Al Riyadh (Saudi Arabia) January 10, 2018 Word Count: 799

...He said the agency was also planning to rewrite the **Waters of the United States rule**, another Obama-era regulation, this one defining which U.S. waterways...

159. 2017 in the Senate: Historic progress in advancing Missourians' top priorities

Daily Journal (Park Hills, MO) January 10, 2018 Word Count: 587

...or paid for groceries. The second rule, known as the **Waters of the United States Rule**, would have increased permitting costs by as much as \$52...

Over the past year, the Senate has worked hand in hand with the Trump administration to advance Missouri families' top priorities.

160. Market analysis: South American weather

Farm Forum (Aberdeen, SD) January 10, 2018 Word Count: 817

...rolling back of regulations, especially the waters of the U.S. (**WOTUS**) rule, which made no sense at all. With Trump, regulations of...

01/09/17 - This is the time of year where South American (SAM) weather is critically important for impacting the potential yields of SAM crops. So far, Brazil weather has been mostly cooler than normal, with mostly normal precip so that is a recipe

161. Sen. Deb Fischer joins Senate Ag Committee

Star-Herald (Scottsbluff, NE) January 09, 2018 Word Count: 976

...2013, including fights against the EPA's Waters of the U.S. (**WOTUS**) rules to fighting EPA regulations regarding on-farm fuel storage. She...

SCOTTSBLUFF - U.S. Sen. Deb Fischer announced Tuesday she has joined the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, restoring Nebraska's place on the important committee.

162. Farmers voted for Trump. Now he's trying to assure them they made the right call.Moves to exit NAFTA have made farmers nervous.

WashingtonPost.com January 09, 2018 Word Count: 795

...crowd when he mentioned the rollback of the Obama-era **Waters of the United States rule**, which was unpopular with farmers. But most telling was the...

Farmers have grown increasingly anxious with President Trump, who wooed them with promises of deregulation and then threatened to upend programs on which many depend.In the year since rural America voted him into office, the president has proposed

163. Farm Bureau grateful to Trump but anxious on trade

Capital Press (Salem, OR) January 08, 2018 Word Count: 805

...pending rescission of the Obama administration's "waters of the U.S." rule, or WOTUS, which the Farm Bureau feared would expand federal Clean Water...

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Make no mistake about it: The folks at the American Farm Bureau Federation are grateful to President Donald Trump.

164. Trump Heads Down to the Farm (Bureau)

Roll Call (USA) January 08, 2018 Word Count: 846

...was an aggressive and vocal opponent of the Obama administration's "Waters of the United States" rule, arguing that it was overreaching in its expansion of federal...

President Donald Trump addresses the American Farm Bureau Federation's national convention on Monday — the first president to attend since George H.W. Bush in 1992. The president will discuss key points of an administration report the White House

165. Attorney General Leslie Rutledge works on national issues

Times Record (Fort Smith, AR) January 06, 2018 Word Count: 872

...Engineers in support of language to permanently rescind the 2015 WOTUS rule. "The WOTUS rule was never about protecting our water in a responsible way...

Jan. 06--Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge said she and her staff continue to work as being the state's chief consumer advocate, as well as try to decrease federal regulations that are "stifling" for business development. Speaking to Fort

166. 2018 brings us a year closer to America's 250th birthdayGuest Column

Capital Journal (Pierre, SD) January 03, 2018 Word Count: 497

...Some of these regulations include the Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule, the Clean Power Plan, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration...

Over the past three years, many of you have heard me talk about what we want our country to look like in 2026, the year we celebrate America's 250th birthday. I've said time and again that we must get away from the centralized, overregulated system

167. NCBA takes stock of progress in 2017

Capital Press (Salem, OR) January 02, 2018 Word Count: 558

...he said. Nowhere has that been clearer than with the **Waters of the United States rule**, which went way beyond federal jurisdiction in claiming water and...

It was a busy year for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, working with the Trump administration and Congress to further the interest of cattle producers.

168. Sen. Blunt takes stock of year

Joplin Globe, The (MO) December 30, 2017 Word Count: 761

...commonsense." Blunt expressed a belief that the Environmental Protection Agency's **Waters of the United States**, a **rule** designating jurisdiction of bodies of water, would give the agency...

Dec. 30--Accusing the previous administration of waging "regulatory jihad," U.S. Sen. Roy Blunt touted the rollback of various regulations as one of Congress' and President Donald Trump's biggest accomplishments in Washington, D.C., in 2017.

169. Iowa Senator Ernst reviews year in legislation for 2017

Hamburg Reporter (Hamburg, IA) December 29, 2017 Word Count: 2075

...resolution that expresses the need to vacate the Obama administration's **Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule**. In June, the EPA, Department of the Army, and Army Corps of Engineers proposed a rule to repeal the **WOTUS rule**.
INTRODUCED LEGISLATION: Senators Ernst and Jerry Moran (R-KS) introduced...

As 2017 comes to a close, U.S. Senator Joni Ernst (R-IA) has released a series of initiatives and victories she led throughout the year on behalf of Iowans.

170. WEST VIRGINIA: Attorney General Morrisey releases End-of-Year Review

Mineral Daily News-Tribune (Keyser, WV) December 29, 2017 Word Count: 790

...orders dismantling the so-called Clean Power Plan and the **Waters of the United States Rule**, both the result of hard work initiated by the Attorney...

CHARLESTON - West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey's office obtained significant wins for the state in 2017, continuing his aggressive fight against substance abuse, tirelessly working to eliminate overregulation and protecting consumers

171. Deregulation no breath of fresh air

Wilson Daily Times, The (NC) December 28, 2017 Word Count: 691

...director Scott Pruitt. High on Pruitt's hit list is the **Waters of the United States**, or **WOTUS**, **rule**, which was enacted to limit pollution in nearly 60 percent...

As war continues to be waged over tax reform and the Affordable Care Act, a more subversive battle to eliminate consumer and environmental protections continues to rage. With the stroke of a pen, the president has swatted away bothersome

172. Rutledge touts her 'achievements.' Poor women might not cheer.

Arkansas Times December 27, 2017 Word Count: 336

...the EPA threatened to devastate Arkansas's top industry with their **Waters of the United States** (**WOTUS**) **rule**, I joined a lawsuit to protect our farmers from these...

Attorney General Leslie Rutledge today distributed a list of her top 17 achievements in office as she embarks on a re-election campaign. No. 1? Depriving poor women of medical treatment. Say what? Because I don't think it's fair for me to ask for

173. An encouraging trend

Tribune-Review (PA) December 27, 2017 Word Count: 211

...actions delayed. Among them: e_SBI Re-evaluation of the **Waters of the United States rule**, which grossly expanded federal jurisdiction over state-regulated waterways. e...

Economic growth in 2017 dovetails with a notable reduction in intrusive federal regulations, a trend that the Trump administration vows to increase in 2018. According to the administration's latest report, 635 regulations previously listed have been

174. L ooplectureson'T rump 'sA m erica: O neY earIn'

Daily Jefferson County Union (Fort Atkinson, WI) December 26, 2017 Word Count: 1495

...on public lands, and rescinding of the Environmental Protection Agency's " **Waters of the United States**" **rule** defining which rivers, streams, lakes and marshes fall under the...

WHITEWATER - On Dec. 1, Eric Loepp, assistant professor of Political Science at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, presented the last of the 2017 Scholarly Scoop lectures to an audience of 40 in the Starin Park Community Building.

175. Deregulation no breath of fresh air

Jackson Sun, The (Jackson, TN) December 18, 2017 Word Count: 478

...director Scott Pruitt. High on Pruitt's hit list is the **Waters of the United States**, or **WOTUS**, **rule**, which was enacted to limit pollution in nearly 60 percent...

As war continues to be waged over tax reform and the Affordable Care Act, a more subversive battle to eliminate consumer and environmental protections continues to rage. With the stroke of a pen, the president has swatted away bothersome

176. Lobbying Database Reporting RecipeWe've made it easier to sift through thousands of lobbying registration disclosures. Here's a guide for journalists, researchers and citizens looki...

ProPublica December 15, 2017 Word Count: 1601

...environment, or are you politically active on either subject? The **Waters of the United States rule** is a hot topic; you'll find energy, construction and agriculture companies who say they hired lobbyists to influence the "**WOTUS**" **rule** by searching "**WOTUS**" or "Waters of the US You can search by an...

We've made it easier to sift through thousands of lobbying registration disclosures. Here's a guide for journalists, researchers and citizens looking for stories in the data.<![CDATA[

177. Farm Bureau stresses private property rights

Abilene Reporter-News (Abilene, TX) December 11, 2017 Word Count: 419

...policy victories in Washington, singling out the rollback of the **Waters of the United States rule** that Farm Bureau challenged during the Obama administration. However, he...

Nearly 800 voting delegates from across the Lone Star State attending the 84th annual meeting of the Texas Farm Bureau in Frisco a week ago were unanimous in their decision to strengthen private property rights.

178. Arizona rancher, official tell Congress states need voice

Casa Grande Dispatch (Casa Grande, AZ) December 01, 2017 Word Count: 753

...one of two Arizonans invited to testify Wednesday on the **Waters of the United States rule**, an Obama administration plan to streamline regulation of waterways. Critics...

...it a "form of tyranny." "In my view, the 2015 **WOTUS rule** empowered bureaucrats to impose their personal views without concern for...

WASHINGTON - Federal regulation of waterways may not be the first issue that comes to mind in a desert state like Arizona, but don't tell that to Pima County cattle rancher Jim Chilton.

179. The Energy 202: Trump administration's renewable fuel ruling leaves no one happyThe jockeying for next year has already started.

WashingtonPost.com December 01, 2017 Word Count: 1536

...to the Trump administration's effort to repeal the so-called **Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule**. The 2015 rule granted two federal agencies, the EPA and...

THE LIGHTBULB After months of infighting between Republicans representing different regional economic interests, the Environmental Protection Agency Thursday finally rendered its ruling on how much renewable fuel is required to be mixed into the

180. GOP crafts spending bill provisions aimed at speeding repeal of water protection rule

WashingtonPost.com November 30, 2017 Word Count: 944

...farmers and ranchers who have been directly impacted by Obama's **WOTUS rule**," she said. Kentucky Farm Bureau President Mark Haney praised Pruitt...

House and Senate Republicans have inserted language into spending bills aimed at blocking legal challenges to the Trump administration's effort to repeal a 2015 water protection rule that gave two federal agencies broad leeway in regulating

181. Obama used 'illegal propaganda' on Americans

WND (WorldNetDaily) November 27, 2017 Word Count: 779

...to the public to contact Congress in support of the **WOTUS rule**, which taken in context, constituted appeals to contact Congress in...

The Obama administration admitted in newly obtained documentation that it used illegal propaganda to try to persuade the American people to adopt its views on environmental issues, according to the Washington watchdog Judicial Watch.

182. Partnering with industry, EPA chief is aiming to redefine 'environmentalism'

Washington Post, The (Washington, D.C.) November 21, 2017 Word Count: 1339

...order to set in motion the repeal of the 2015 **Waters of the United States rule**, which expanded the definition of protected bodies of water. " Within...

Love him or hate him for it, Scott Pruitt has done as much as anyone else in the executive branch to advance President Trump's goal of what Stephen K. Bannon called "the deconstruction of the administrative state." The head of the Environmental

183. Top White House officials say they're rolling back administrative state

Washington Times (DC) November 20, 2017 Word Count: 762

...Scott Pruitt, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, said the **Waters of the United States rule** will suffer a similar fate. "We're providing regulatory clarity there..."

Top-ranking members of the Trump administration gathered at the Federalist Society's national convention over the weekend to share their progress rolling back the administrative state.

184. Capitol Vision: Panel recommends big raises; Rail expansion proposal

Atlanta Business Chronicle November 17, 2017 Word Count: 1077

...Water Act. While supporters say easing restrictions imposed by the **Waters of the United States rule** could leave thousands of miles of Georgia's streams and thousands...

An ad hoc committee the General Assembly created earlier this year is recommending significant pay raises for Georgia lawmakers and the state's constitutional officers. A report released by the seven-member State Commission on Compensation suggests

185. The Daily 202: How EPA chief Scott Pruitt wants to redefine 'environmentalism' In an interview, Pruitt explains why he wants to partner with the businesses he regulates.

WashingtonPost.com November 17, 2017 Word Count: 8065

...February to set in motion the repeal of the 2015 **Waters of the United States rule**, which expanded the definition of bodies of water that are...

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186. 154 Trump accomplishments

WND (WorldNetDaily) November 17, 2017 Word Count: 7681

...in June to begin the process of rescinding the 2015 **Waters of the United States rule**, which has been used to expand federal control over private...

[Editor's note: The following comprehensive list of Trump accomplishments has been compiled for WND's Thank Trump Campaign, which provides a free way to send personalized messages of thanks directly to the White House at ThankTrump.us]

187. Georgia Water Coalition report targets Trump EPA

Atlanta Business Chronicle November 14, 2017 Word Count: 638

...Water Act. While supporters say easing restrictions imposed by the **Waters of the United States rule** could leave thousands of miles of Georgia's streams and thousands...

Rollbacks in clean-water protections under President Donald Trump's Environmental Protection Agency that benefit polluters highlight the seventh annual Dirty Dozen report issued Tuesday by the Georgia Water Coalition. The coalition, a consortium of

188. Trump's actions are more popular than his rhetoric

Oklahoman November 09, 2017 Word Count: 536

...orders. Trump's executive actions include rescinding the Environmental Protection Agency's "**waters of the United States rule**," which critics credibly argued was so broad it would have...

IN a recent meeting with The Oklahoman editorial board, U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe conceded that President Trump "is a hard guy to love," but added, "He is getting things done, and doing it in a unique way." Inhofe's assessment appears in line with that

189. Area livestock producers seek less regulation

Lewiston Morning Tribune (Lewiston, ID) November 04, 2017 Word Count: 564

...One of the primary interests of Idaho cattlemen include the **Waters of the United States rule** that defines which rivers, streams, lakes and marshes fall under...

...more flexibility to manage cattle like they should be." The **Waters of the United States rule**, he said, is an example of a rule that grew...

Nov. 04--Livestock producers in Idaho and Washington are encouraged by the Trump administration's stated goal to roll back several Obama-era environmental regulations that affect farming and ranching. Those will be among the chief topics of concern

190. Open meeting laws not violated

Bismarck Tribune, The (ND) October 29, 2017 Word Count: 233

...were in attendance at the closed-door meeting regarding the **Waters of the United States rule**, known as **WOTUS**, which the EPA plans to rescind. Stenehjem said because the...

FARGO North Dakota Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem released an opinion Friday that said the state's open meeting laws were not violated in August when he and Gov. Doug Burgum met with Scott Pruitt, administrator of the Environmental Protection

191. Local Farm Bureau joins fight that 'milk' comes from animals, not plants

Frederick News-Post, The (Frederick, MD) October 28, 2017 Word Count: 1062

...Trump's administration responding to farmers' concerns of overreach with the **Waters of the United States rule**, which goes beyond the Clean Water Act to tightly regulate...

Oct. 28--The local farming community is taking a hard line: Milk comes from cows, not plants. At the 96th annual meeting of the Frederick County Farm Bureau, 150 members agreed to make enforcement of milk labeling their sole federal issue on which

192. Obscene how leftists support each other

Asbury Park Press (Asbury Park, NJ) October 26, 2017 Word Count: 433

...legal process for rolling back the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) **Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule**. He also used the Congressional Review Act to overturn the Obama Administration's Stream Protection **Rule**. **WOTUS** clarified the authority of the EPA and Army Corps of...

If the exposé of Hollywood bigwig Harvey Weinstein's sexual harassment allegations toward would-be starlets hadn't surfaced just now, but had been building for several years, left-leaning Democratic candidate Phil Murphy would have bet with him

193. Draining the swamp: Restoring proper operation to federal agencies

Bluefield Daily Telegraph (WV) October 24, 2017 Word Count: 886

...on private property to be under federal control through the **Waters of the United States rule** to picking winners and losers and deciding to shut down...

...abusive. That's wrong." A bit later Bluey asked about the **Waters of the United States rule**. "[P]eople all over the country

have no idea today where...

It is a difficult task trying to determine which federal agency has done the most damage to the country and its citizens. A very strong candidate for this dishonor, if not a shoo-in for it, is the Environmental Protection Agency, the EPA. The EPA's

194. 45 YEARS OF CLEAN WATER ACT

Record, The (Hackensack, NJ) October 24, 2017 Word Count: 447

...are already in the process of repealing the Obama administration's **Waters of the United States Rule**, and at the same time are pushing to roll back...

This year, we are celebrating the 45th anniversary of the federal Clean Water Act. The act was a landmark piece of bipartisan legislation to protect our clean drinking water that was passed in 1972. Before the act was passed, there were rivers

195. EDITORIAL: Drain the swamp? EPA's Scott Pruitt is polluting it

Denver Post (CO) October 23, 2017 Word Count: 575

...the Environmental Protection Agency should. Pruitt spoke out against the **Waters of the United States rule** in the video and urged ranchers to comment on it...

...allow the EPA "to trample on your constitutional rights." The **Waters of the United States rule**, sometimes called **WOTUS**, was passed to clarify which wetlands and other bodies of...

Oct. 23--When Scott Pruitt visited Colorado in August, he took some time to shoot a video for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. In it, he attacked an Obama-era clean water rule. Now congressional Democrats say Pruitt might have broken the

196. EPA chief meets with ag, business groups

Omaha World-Herald (NE) October 21, 2017 Word Count: 224

...meeting centered on the EPA's ongoing efforts to revise the **Waters of the United States rule**, according to a press release from the Governor's Office. A...

LINCOLN - Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt paid a visit Friday to Lincoln, where he met with Gov. Pete Ricketts and a group of agricultural and business representatives opposed to a controversial clean water regulation.

197. Trump admin scraps EPA's deceitful 'sue and settle' trickHe's 'trying to bring government back in line with the Constitution'

WND (WorldNetDaily) October 19, 2017 Word Count: 1003

...Earlier this year, Pruitt also started the rollback of the **Waters of the United States rule**, or **WOTUS**. That update changed the definition of navigable waterway from one...

Limited government advocates and property-rights champions are cheering Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt for publicly announcing he will scrap the tactic known as "sue and settle" for as long as he is in office.

198. Grassley, Ernst: 'We will never stop fighting to protect the RFS and Iowa'

Daily Nonpareil, The (Council Bluffs, IA) October 18, 2017 Word Count: 698

...to wreak havoc with regulations. The Waters of the U.S. (**WOTUS**) **rule** from the Obama Administration is a prime example of a...

Recently, (the Quad City Times') editorial board wrote a misguided editorial, and we felt it was important to set the record straight as well as stand up for the majority of Iowans who voted in the last election whose judgment was mocked in the

199. EPA head addresses energy issuesPruitt answers questions on water, coal in visit to Clarion-Ledger

Clarion-Ledger, The (Jackson, MS) October 13, 2017 Word Count: 1609

...Pruitt visited Mississippi Thursday to discuss proposed changes to the **Waters of the United States rule**, just days after announcing the repeal of the Clean Power...

...was among many governors who initiated a challenge to the **Waters of the United States rule**. "Regulatory uncertainty has been the greatest impediment to economic growth...

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt visited Mississippi Thursday to discuss proposed changes to the Waters of the United States rule, just days after announcing the repeal of the Clean Power Plan.The water rule sought to

200. End of excessive regulations provides relief for Missourians

Daily Journal (Park Hills, MO) October 11, 2017 Word Count: 424

...action it has taken to rein in the previous administration's **Waters of the United States Rule** and the CPP, both of which imposed burdensome, costly red...

U.S. Senator Roy Blunt (Mo.) Monday applauded Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt's announcement that he will issue a new rule withdrawing the so-called Clean Power Plan, one of the most expensive and burdensome Obama

201. The Energy 202: Pruitt plays to GOP base by repealing the Clean Power Plan

WashingtonPost.com October 10, 2017 Word Count: 2793

...about how the Obama administration's water pollution regulation, called the **Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule**, would hamstring the agriculture business. When discussing recent reports that...

THE LIGHTBULB It's happening.

202. Henry Co. supports Trump, but cracks are starting to show Voters give him different grades for intent, results

Chicago Tribune October 09, 2017 Word Count: 1632

...He also is encouraged by Trump's decision to eliminate the **Waters of the United States rule**, a measure that Katschnig and other farmers saw as overreaching...

Throughout childhood, Doug Hilgendorf frequently received sage advice from his mother that he says might suit President Donald Trump now.

203. The Energy 202: Trump's energy policies have endeared him to establishment Republicans Andrew Wheeler changed his mind after a campaign speech.

WashingtonPost.com October 09, 2017 Word Count: 2716

...broader authority to regulate water pollution as part of the "**Waters of the United States**," or **WOTUS rule**. "I think the federal government should get out of the...

THE LIGHTBULB A year and a half ago, Andrew Wheeler, a prominent coal lobbyist who worked for years for Senate Republicans, joined many other "establishment" Republicans in criticizing the long-shot candidacy of political newbie Donald Trump.

204. This coal lobbyist once wrote Trump was a 'bully.' Now he's the nominee for EPA's No. 2 spot. Andrew Wheeler changed his tune once Trump articulated an energy and environmental platform — and once it became increasingly clear Trump would win...

WashingtonPost.com October 07, 2017 Word Count: 1244

...EPA broader authority to regulate water pollution, known as the " **Waters of the United States**" or **WOTUS**, **rule**. "I think the federal government should get out of the...

...United States from the Paris agreement and to revoke the **WOTUS rule**. As Wheeler prepares to join the EPA, the agency is...

Andrew Wheeler changed his tune once Trump articulated an energy and environmental platform — and once it became increasingly clear Trump would win the GOP nomination. Back in February 2016, Andrew Wheeler, a prominent coal lobbyist, was working as

205. At EPA, fight over numbers in water protection rule reveals shift in ideology

Washington Post, The (Washington, D.C.) October 06, 2017 Word Count: 769

...studies when calculating the regulation. The dueling analyses of the **rule**, known as **Waters of the United States**, underscore how fraught scientific and economic data has become in...

A new paper by three economists, published Thursday in the journal Science, challenges how the Environmental Protection Agency has justified repealing a 2015 water protection rule and contends that the Trump administration ignored hundreds of

206. Chamber of Secrets: Teaching a Machine What Congress Cares About Want to know what distinctive topics your members of Congress are concerned about? Represent's got you covered.

ProPublica October 04, 2017 Word Count: 1092

...issues that aren't quite on the national radar, like the "**wotus rule**" — AKA, the **Waters of the United States Rule**, a change in who regulates water pollution that has raised...

<![CDATA[If you asked congressional experts what legislative subjects, say, Sen. Patty Murray of Washington specializes in, they'd have a few pretty good guesses: maybe education and health care — because she's the ranking member on a key committee

207. COALITION: Morrissey seeking change in 2015 Waters of US Act

Mineral Daily News-Tribune (Keyser, WV) September 29, 2017 Word Count: 271

...in support of permanently rescinding language used in the 2015 **Waters of the United States rule**. The coalition filed its letter Wednesday as part of the Environmental Protection Agency's ongoing review of the **WOTUS rule**. It encourages the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers to...

...rules until more concise language can be adopted. "The 2015 **WOTUS Rule** also did not give sufficient consideration to the extent to...

CHARLESTON - West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey, along with Wisconsin Attorney General Brad D. Schimel, led a 25-state coalition in support of permanently rescinding language used in the 2015 Waters of the United States rule.

208. Here's All The Expensive Nonsense Trump's EPA Chief Is Wasting Your Taxes On

Huffington Post September 28, 2017 Word Count: 764

...to farmers about his plans to nix the Obama administration's **Waters of the United States rule**. The flight, booked by the Interior Department as part of...

Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt - a climate change denier who is pushing for sweeping budget cuts at the agency - apparently has no qualms about loosely spending some of that budget on himself. In his first seven months on

209. Gov. Walker fails Alaska's environment Instead of standing up to the Trump administration, the Walker administration aids and abets the demise of protections in Alaska.

Alaska Dispatch News September 27, 2017 Word Count: 1019

...states suing the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to stop the "**Waters of the United States rule**"; [Federal court dismisses Alaska's complaint and upholds national forest 'roadless...

Gov. Bill Walker has made some difficult yet necessary decisions on budgetary and social issues for Alaska. Kudos for that. But on protecting Alaska's natural environment, Walker has failed miserably. Even before the Trump election Walker's

210. HURRY TO SAY NO ON WATER RULE REPEAL

Chattanooga Times (Free Press, TN) September 27, 2017 Word Count: 308

...Policy Director Dana Wright says the proposed changes to the **Waters of the United States rule** would weaken protections for smaller streams and wetlands that provide...

...Say "no" to this Trump administration effort to rescind the **Waters of the United States EPA rule**. Americas GEOAMER 1AM92 North America GEONAMR 1NO39 Tennessee USATN 1TE37...

Repealing and weakening the 2015 Clean Water Rule would put the drinking water for 3.5 million people in our state at risk, harm the environment and increase the chance of flooding and water pollution in Tennessee.

211. Menaces mount against Bay conservation efforts

Star Democrat, The (Easton, MD) September 27, 2017 Word Count: 1310

...is the so-called "Water of the United States," or **WOTUS rule**, established by an Obama executive order in 2015. The rule...
...in practice. In announcing his executive order to put the **WOTUS rule** under review, President Donald Trump said: "...a few years ago...

WASHINGTON - After years of steady progress for Chesapeake Bay cleanup efforts, the conservation outlook is increasingly bleak for the country's largest estuary and the state that depends on it most - Maryland, Bay advocates say.

212. EPA's Pruitt took charter, military flights that cost taxpayers more than \$58,000 "We have an obligation to get out throughout the country," an EPA spokeswoman said, adding that Pruitt overwhelmingly flies commercial.

WashingtonPost.com September 27, 2017 Word Count: 1046

...initiated a process to withdraw the regulation, known as the **Waters of the United States rule**. Bowman said that between 50 and 100 farmers and others...

Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt has taken at least four noncommercial and military flights since mid-February, costing taxpayers more than \$58,000 to fly him to various parts of the country, according to records provided

213. EPA water ruling will be nixed

Tulare Advance-Register (Tulare, CA) September 25, 2017 Word Count: 576

...decided to knock them down. For the language of the **WOTUS rule** that was a serious violation. The federal agencies are trying...

...threaten individual ownership and rights. The movement to repeal the **WOTUS rule** received significant support in 2015 when 32 states filed suit...

The oppressive ruling that allowed the Environmental Protection Agency(EPA) combined with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to confiscate millions of acres of American farm land and other privately owned land is being repealed. The farm community

214. A return to regular order

Ada Evening News (Ada, OK) September 23, 2017 Word Count: 614

...increase for military service members and the withdrawal of the Waters of the United States Rule. This first round of consolidated spending measures under the Trump...

Each year, millions of Americans rely on numerous federal agencies and the government for assistance on a wide range of priorities. Farmers need support for food safety programs. Veterans rely on VA hospitals for medical attention. Researchers need

215. Repeal of Water of the United States rule urged

Monroe News, The (Monroe, MI) September 23, 2017 Word Count: 313

...to urge the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to withdraw the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule imposed by the Obama Administration. Doug Darling, an at-large...

DUNDEE - Friday is the deadline for citizens and growers to urge the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to withdraw the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule imposed by the Obama Administration.

216. Ditch The Rule WOTUS

Star-Herald (Scottsbluff, NE) September 23, 2017 Word Count: 875

...Scottsbluff, Neb.) (Pg. Unavail. Online) 2017 WLNR 29330951 Ditch The Rule WOTUS Staff Writer Star-Herald (Scottsbluff, NE) Unpublished...

...however, a different fight over water - the Environmental Protection Agency's Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule - is coming to a head. The WOTUS rule was rolled out by the Obama Administration's EPA in 2015...

SPIKE JORDAN Ag Editor

217. Save the Sound: Don't roll back clean water rule

Easton Courier (Easton, CT) September 21, 2017 Word Count: 248

...US USA CT Connecticut NorthAmerica 1575 Word Count: 248 The Waters of the United States Rule defines the types of waterbodies that fall within the protection...

...Connecticut Fund for the Environment/Save the Sound. "The 2015 Waters of the United States Rule would make about 117 million Americans' drinking water supply safer...

The Waters of the United States Rule defines the types of waterbodies that fall within the protection of the Clean Water Act. In 2015, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reaffirmed longstanding water quality protections when it found the

218. Ditch water rule

Daily Item, The (Sunbury, PA) September 20, 2017 Word Count: 206

...NorthAmerica 1272 Word Count: 206 Ditch the wicked federal government's Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule.
My family wants the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to act...

Ditch the wicked federal government's Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule.

219. Farm Bureau works to repeal WOTUS

Sentinel-Standard (Ionia, MI) September 16, 2017 Word Count: 279

...proposal to withdraw the overreaching Waters of the U. S. (WOTUS) rule. "EPA recently extended the comment deadline and to date has...

...activist groups opposing the rule repeal." Next steps The flawed WOTUS rule gave EPA the power to regulate almost anywhere it wanted...

Farmers now have through Sept. 27 to sign on to Michigan Farm Bureau's Legislative Action Center to submit pre-written comments to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) showing support for their proposal to withdraw the overreaching Waters of

220. Committee examines water resources of Northeast Kansas

St. Joseph News-Press (MO) September 15, 2017 Word Count: 458

...states, particularly with regard to earlier EPA applications of the Waters of the United States rule. "I hold out hope that the EPA will be more...

Sept. 15--ATCHISON, Kansas -- Carl Johnson remembers growing up with the notion that the Ogallala Aquifer, that massive and farm-nourishing underground reservoir beneath western Kansas, would last into eternity.As an adult, he understands that

221. Battle against government overregulation goes on

Abilene Reporter-News (Abilene, TX) September 10, 2017 Word Count: 787

...WOTUS. At least 25 states had filed suits against the WOTUS rule across the country. The rule was stayed by the U.S...

The oil and gas industry in Texas faces many regulations adopted by federal agencies under the orders of former President Obama, from 2009 to 2016.

222. Trumps disastrous budget will worsen future hurricane damage

Burlington County Times September 08, 2017 Word Count: 836

...prone areas because he plans to get rid of the **Waters of the United States rule**. Instead of a border wall, Texas may need to build...

When President Trump first went down to Texas, he was criticized for showing no empathy for the people who experienced devastating impacts from Hurricane Harvey. When it comes to his budget, it actually shows contempt for people dealing with

223. American Sheep Industry News

Farmer's Friend, The (Towanda, PA) September 08, 2017 Word Count: 797

...and Information Director Chase Adams covers the latest on the **Waters of the United States rule** in his weekly SheepCast series. Listen online at: <http://sheepusa.org...>

Updated Sheep Care Guide available

224. Wasden to seek re-election as Idaho attorney general

Spokesman-Review, The (Spokane, WA) September 08, 2017 Word Count: 440

...attorneys general to sue the Obama administration over the EPA's "**Waters of the United States rule**", which sought to expand federal jurisdiction over waters and wetlands...

Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden announced Thursday that he'll run for another term as attorney general next year - quashing speculation that he might jump into the already hotly contested races for governor or the 1st District congressional

225. Five top priorities as Congress returnsEnergy, environment might not rank high but will gain attention

Gazette, The (Cedar Rapids, IA) September 07, 2017 Word Count: 739

...of Engineers in June released a proposal to rescind the **rule**, dubbed **Waters of the United States** or WOTUS. EPA

Administrator Scott Pruitt has told lawmakers he...

WASHINGTON - Energy and environment policy proposals aren't likely to command top billing with lawmakers returning to Congress, but those topics could fill any floor schedule gaps in the coming months.

226. Under Trump and GOP Congress, economy is surging

Idaho State Journal (Pocatello, ID) September 01, 2017 Word Count: 590

...pertaining to national monuments, sage grouse and the so-called "**WOTUS Rule**," which affected puddles, ditches and other water sources that have...

As I travel across Idaho this month - meeting with folks in Coeur d'Alene, Lewiston, Meridian and so many places in between - I hear a lot about what some people call "kitchen table issues": jobs, the economy, education, health care, retirement

227. EPA seeks to step backward on clean water policy

Daily Journal (Park Hills, MO) August 31, 2017 Word Count: 359

...of the 2015 Clean Water, or Water of the U.S. (**WOTUS**) **Rule**, my husband has discussed the issue with - and heard the...

Since President Trump issued an executive order calling for the repeal and replacement of the 2015 Clean Water, or Water of the U.S. (WOTUS) Rule, my husband has discussed the issue with - and heard the concerns of - his fellow farmers.

228. Q&A: 99 County Meetings

Newton Daily News, (Newton, IA) August 31, 2017 Word Count: 783

...from lowans about government overreach, specifically regarding an Obama administration **rule** known as **Waters of the United States** (WOTUS). The Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Army Corps of...

Q: What's on the minds of lowans as you visit each of Iowa's 99 counties this year?

229. Port Huron's south side needs a grocery store

Times Herald (Port Huron, MI) August 29, 2017 Word Count: 478

...of the "Waters of the U.S." rule for good. The **WOTUS rule**, which the Environmental Protection Agency originally published in 2015, would...

I am going to take a shot in the dark.Port Huron needs another grocery store.

230. Seeds

York News-Times (York, NE) August 29, 2017 Word Count: 747

...the landscape no matter what we think of the WOTUS (**Waters of the United States** rule or the Des Moines Water Works lawsuit. . . . It's a battle...

Art Cullen, Pulitzer Prize winning editorialist and co-owner of The Storm Lake Times isn't caught up in awards or accolades. What he does want us to all understand is the water situation in Iowa, and across the country, that is serious and impacts

231. THE DESTRUCTIVE, DIVISIVE AND SCARY WORLD OF TRUMP

Chattanooga Times (Free Press, TN) August 28, 2017 Word Count: 730

...and potentially rolled back automotive fuel efficiency standards. Repealed the **Waters of the United States** rule. Ended a rule banning dumping waste from mining into streams...

What Trump has undone

232. Colorado Cattlemen's Association urges everyone to submit comments to kill the WOTUS Rule TODAY!

Ag Journal (La Junta, CO) August 25, 2017 Word Count: 475

...Cattlemen's Association urges everyone to submit comments to kill the **WOTUS Rule** TODAY! Ag Journal (La Junta, CO) CO News A3...

...comment period on the EPA's proposal to withdraw the 2015 **WOTUS rule** began. CCA urges everyone to submit comments to kill the **WOTUS Rule** TODAY! The deadline for comments is August 28, so please...

On Tuesday, June 27, the Trump Administration appealed the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) - nearly two years after it took effect. The August 2015 ruling significantly broadened the definition of "waters of the United States" under the Clean

233. Mitch McConnell stays on message at ham breakfast

Herald, The (Circleville, OH) August 25, 2017 Word Count: 721

...year using the Congressional Review Act and also knocked the **Waters of the United States rule**, which he said "is on the way to the ash...

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - Comfortable on his home turf here at the Kentucky Country Ham Breakfast and Auction, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell did not address the growing rift between congressional Republicans and President Donald Trump, opting

234. Two Senators, Two Parties, One River, Similar Message

Roll Call (USA) August 25, 2017 Word Count: 629

...Both McConnell and Donnelly took jabs at the so-called **Waters of the United States rule**, commonly referred to as WOTUS, but in much different ways...

BOONVILLE, Ind. — On opposite sides of the Ohio River on Thursday, a Republican leader under attack from President Donald Trump and a Democratic senator facing a potentially difficult re-election bid sounded a similar, agriculture-heavy message to

235. Farmers get extra month to comment on 'U.S. waters'

Star-Courier (Kewanee, IL) August 25, 2017 Word Count: 275

...proposed a two-step repeal and review/replacement of the **WOTUS rule** put in place in 2015. Each step will have its...

Illinois Farm Bureau - Farmers have an additional month to comment on a proposed rule rescinding the President Barack Obamaera "waters of the U.S." rule.

236. Red tape rollbackFROM THE GOVERNOR

Syracuse Journal-Democrat (Syracuse, NE) August 25, 2017 Word Count: 730

...the Obama Administration. These include the Waters of the U.S. (**WOTUS**) **rule** and the Clean Power Plan (CPP). Thankfully, Washington is reversing...

...months, the Trump Administration has moved to repeal the 2015 **WOTUS rule**, as well as launched a review of the controversial CPP...

Red tape kills jobs. It stifles innovation. And it prohibits growth.

237. Trump supports coal, but not Murray plan

Charleston Gazette-Mail (Charleston, WV) August 24, 2017 Word Count: 574

...including the Stream Buffer Zone rule, the Clean Power Plan, **Waters of the United States rule** and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, would have decimated...

ByThe Trump administration has turned down a plea from West Virginia's largest coal producer to mandate that certain coal-fired power plants remain open, the Gazette-Mail's Ken Ward Jr. and The Associated Press reported Wednesday.U.S. Department of

238. Rolling back that burdensome red tape

Kearney Hub (Kearney, NE) August 24, 2017 Word Count: 532

...months, the Trump administration has moved to repeal the 2015 **WOTUS rule**, as well as launched a review of the controversial CPP...

Red tape kills jobs. It stifles innovation. And it prohibits growth. That's why my administration's mission is to make state government more effective, more efficient, and more customer-focused. Over the past 2½ years, we've successfully put

239. What Trump has undone

WashingtonPost.com August 24, 2017 Word Count: 981

...and potentially rolled back automotive fuel efficiency standards. Repealed the **Waters of the United States rule**. This **rule** expanded the definition of water bodies that were protected by...

This article has been updated with additional items.President Trump has repeatedly argued that he's done more than any other recent president. That's not true, as measured by the amount of legislation he's been able to sign. It is true, though,

240. Babin extols progress, bemoans roadblocks

Houston Chronicle August 23, 2017 Word Count: 1105

...he approved the Keystone Excel Pipeline and repealed Obama's WOTUS (**Waters of the United States rule**). The rule written by the Environmental Protection Agency gave government...

There's a bottleneck in Washington. Coming from a conservative, most would expect Rep. Brian Babin to point the finger across the aisle at Democrats, but Babin's frustration rests with his own colleagues in the U. S. Senate, and it's mystifying for

241. St. Johns County commissioners support rescinding of Obama-era "Waters of the U.S." rule

St. Augustine Record, The (St. Augustine, FL) August 21, 2017 Word Count: 577

...Rule of Law, Federalism, and Economic Growth by Reviewing the ' **Waters of the United States** Rule,' the EPA is taking public comments through Sept. 27 on...

St. Johns County Commissioners Jeb Smith and Henry Dean have thrown their support behind rescinding the Environmental Protection Agency's controversial "Waters of the U.S." rule, an early target for elimination by the Trump administration.

242. Aglines roundup

Grand Island Independent, The (Grand Island, NE) August 20, 2017 Word Count: 924

...Fuels Standard (RFS) and the 2015 Waters of the U.S. (**WOTUS**) rule. The Nebraska Corn Growers Association has been critical of the 2015 **WOTUS rule**. " As farmers, we must align together to repeal the 2015 **WOTUS rule**," said Dan Wesley, president of the Nebraska Corn Growers Association...

...and in accordance with the law." Comments regarding the 2015 **WOTUS rule** are due by Aug. 28 and input on the RFS...

Extension seminar to focus on agland management

243. TCWN urges Tennesseans to voice opposition to the Clean Water Rule repeal

Mountain Press, The (Sevierville, TN) August 19, 2017 Word Count: 439

...is to go to the EPA website at <https://www.epa.gov/wotus-rule/rulemaking-process#Comment> and follow the links to the public...

Submitted

244. Letters to the Editor: 08/19/2017

Record-Eagle, The (Traverse City, MI) August 19, 2017 Word Count: 200

...of the U.S." rule for good (www.michfb.com/MI/ACT/). The **WOTUS rule**, which the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) originally published in 2015...

Cut red tape

245. AAD encourages Arkansans to provide input for WOTUS by Aug. 28

Banner-News (Magnolia, AR) August 16, 2017 Word Count: 367

...Administrator Pruitt have taken thus far in rescinding the 2015 **WOTUS Rule**, we cannot expect the Administrator to carry this responsibility alone...

LITTLE ROCK Earlier this year, in accordance with a Presidential Executive Order, the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of the Army announced their intention to review and revise the definition of "Waters of the

246. John Duarte to pay \$1.1M fine for plowing wheat field without permit

Washington Times (DC) August 16, 2017 Word Count: 756

...help farmers by rolling back the Obama administration's hotly contested **Waters of the United States rule**, but it didn't happen soon enough to help John Duarte...

...property owners, aiming to expand its authority through broad new **rules** under **WOTUS**, all while providing little clarity to farmers and ranchers about...

President Trump has sought to help farmers by rolling back the Obama administration's hotly contested Waters of the United States rule, but it didn't happen soon enough to help John Duarte.

247. Feds force \$1.1 million fine from farmer prosecuted for plowing own landArmy Corps under Obama tagged furrow puddles as 'navigable waters'

WND (WorldNetDaily) August 16, 2017 Word Count: 1085

...by plowing a wheat field were "navigable waters" under the **Waters of the United States rule**, which was codified in 2015. The government insisted the furrows...

...tried to help farmers by rolling back Obama's "hotly contested" **Waters of the United States rule**, which expanded federal authority over all of the United States...

A farmer in California prosecuted under the Clean Water Act for plowing his own land without federal permission agreed to a \$1.1 million settlement after the feds threatened \$45 million in penalties.

248. Settlement reached in federal case of Modesto-area farmer fined \$2.8 million for plowing his field

Sacramento Bee, The (CA) August 15, 2017 Word Count: 794

...agriculture. The Trump administration already has moved to relax the **WOTUS rules** that the Obama administration had sought to expand, and the...

...Clean Water Action, a Washington, D.C.-based environmental group. The **WOTUS rules** are designed to protect navigable

[rivers, streams and other waterways...](#)

Northern California farmer John Duarte spent years fighting the federal government after being fined for plowing over protected wetlands on his property. He attracted a nationwide army of conservative supporters who saw it as government overreach

249. LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Daily Telegram, The (Adrian, MI) August 14, 2017 Word Count: 392

...of the "Waters of the U.S." rule for good. The **WOTUS rule**, which the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) originally published in 2015...

Repeal abusively used EPA regulation

250. Don't loosen water protections

Myrtle Beach Sun News (SC) August 13, 2017 Word Count: 99

...control such pollution. Please oppose HR 1105 Clean Water Act, **WOTUS Rule**. April O'Leary, Conway CT/ebf.bus.env CT/ebf.bus.leg.reg.pbp CT/ebf.bus.leg.reg CT...

The Clean Water Rule is a measured, reasonable, and lawful application of sound and uncontroverted science to protect our nation's upstream source waters. We rely on these waters to ensure clean drinking water, recreation, and viable commercial

251. ND leaders want repeal of EPA rule

Daily News, The (Wahpeton, ND) August 11, 2017 Word Count: 785

...to be a repeal of the Waters of the U.S. **Rule (WOTUS)** as it currently exists. Those were the bipartisan messages sent...

Every state can't be treated the same way by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Nor should the EPA have a policy that will harm North Dakota farmers and ranchers. State officials say there needs to be a repeal of the Waters of the U.S. Rule

252. EPA administrator attends meeting

Bismarck Tribune, The (ND) August 10, 2017 Word Count: 679

...federal government's proposed revision of the Waters of the U.S. rule, known as WOTUS. Attendees of the roundtable held at North Dakota State University...

FARGO Scott Pruitt, administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, attended a closed-door roundtable discussion in Fargo on Wednesday, on the federal government's proposed revision of the Waters of the U.S. rule, known as WOTUS

253. High-stakes showdown

Capital Press (Salem, OR) August 10, 2017 Word Count: 2122

...executive order directing EPA administrator Scott Pruitt to review the "Waters of the United States" rule and asking Attorney General Jeff Sessions to consider the review...

...The EPA and Army Corps have since proposed scrapping the WOTUS rule, which critics say encroaches on private property rights. At his...

RED BLUFF, Calif. - John Duarte is on the eve of the trial he hoped would never take place.

254. EPA chief Pruitt holds series of closed-door meetings in GF, Fargo

Grand Forks Herald (ND) August 10, 2017 Word Count: 845

...industries serving as pillars to the North Dakota economy, EPA rules like WOTUS have been unpopular, considered by some to be federal overreach...

...a dozen other states to block implementation of the expanded WOTUS rule. At the EERC, Burgum, Cramer and Hoeven seemed happy with...

Aug. 10--EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt visited Grand Forks Wednesday as part of a series of closed meetings to discuss his agency's state-centric regulatory approach. Pruitt was on tour in the Red River Valley to meet with representatives of the ag

255. The Energy 202: Trump's lack of nuclear knowledge is what's really scaryThe muddled rhetoric is nothing new.

WashingtonPost.com August 10, 2017 Word Count: 2245

...Grand Forks to discuss, among other topics, the Obama-era Waters of the United States rule, which greatly expanded the number of waterways under the protection...

THE LIGHTBULB A year-and-a-half ago, Donald Trump was thrown a question about the U.S. nuclear arsenal that he still hasn't answered very satisfactorily.

256. EPA taking comments on contentious streams rule that could affect local waterways

Bucks County Courier Times August 09, 2017 Word Count: 687

...In 2015, the EPA presented a proposed clarification in its **Waters of the United States rule**, which the agency said offered a more precise and predictable...

A decades-long battle regarding federal jurisdiction over streams and wetlands is entering a new chapter, as the EPA takes comment on a proposal to roll back an Obama-era rule.

257. A focus on farms

Daily Journal (Park Hills, MO) August 09, 2017 Word Count: 574

...most about during last year's focus on farms was the **Waters of the United States rule**, which was trying to federally regulate every drop of water...

For the fifth year in a row, I am dedicating the month of August to focus on farms in southeast and south central Missouri, stopping in all 30 counties of our district. Meeting the people who run these operations gives me a real understanding of

258. What's clean & clear

Tribune-Review (PA) August 09, 2017 Word Count: 225

...in the Federal Register seeking to repeal the controversial 2015 **Waters of the United States rule**, which opened up a 30-day public comment period. And...

President Trump hasn't yet "drained the swamp" but he is moving forward to flush an onerous federal water rule that bogs down states' and private property owners' rights. The Environmental Protection Agency and the Army have published a notice in

259. Donald Trump slashing Obama's regulation binge, saves businesses billions: Study

Washington Times (DC) August 09, 2017 Word Count: 570

...agencies have published proposals to roll back the Obama-era **rules** on "**Waters of the United States**" and hydraulic natural-gas drilling known as "fracking" that could...

President Trump's assault on red tape has saved businesses nearly \$4 billion per year compared with former

President Barack Obama's pace of imposing regulations, a new study found Tuesday.

260. Trump's farm fit

Weekly Times (Australia) August 09, 2017 Word Count: 312

...for several reasons, including the pledge to reform the environmental **Waters of the United States rule**, which affects farmers." The agriculture community said we have to...

SUPPORT for US President Donald Trump remains strong among US farmers and those in regional areas. That's according to veteran farm policy reporter Sarah Wyant, president of US-based Agri-Pulse Communications, who spoke at last week's Australian

261. EPA Administrator holds WOTUS roundtable in Iowa

Cherokee Tribune (Canton, GA) August 08, 2017 Word Count: 383

...Iowa farmers all engaged in a roundtable discussion about the **Waters of the United States Rule** -- otherwise referred to as WOTUS. Speaking in her weekly press...

...Reynolds said she feels progress will be made on the **WOTUS rule**. "I want to thank Administrator Pruitt for traveling to Iowa to hear directly from our farmers about how this **WOTUS rule** will affect them," Reynolds said, "and how we can work...

(Des Moines) -- Several key leaders from Iowa met with EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt Tuesday morning.

262. Ag Secretary Purdue talks trade, immigration, regulation ROCHESTER

Pekin Daily Times (Pekin, IL) August 08, 2017 Word Count: 599

...back regulations agricultural groups consider intrusive, such as the proposed **Waters of the United States rules (WOTUS)** opponents argue would extend federal water rules onto farms. Perdue...

Trade, immigration and regulation are the top policy concerns for farmers when it comes to Washington, D.C., said U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue said Monday during a local stop on a five-state, Midwest listening tour.

263. Q&A: U.S. Ag Secretary Perdue talks trade, immigration, regulation

Springfield State Journal-Register, The August 08, 2017 Word Count: 888

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WOTUS) opponents argue would extend federal water rules onto farms. Perdue...

Aug. 08--ROCHESTER -- Trade, immigration and regulation are the top policy concerns for farmers when it comes to Washington, D.C., U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue said Monday during a local stop on a five-state, Midwest listening tour

264. Perdue announces help for new farmersMentoring program aims to make it easier to get started

Des Moines Register, The (Des Moines, IA) August 06, 2017 Word Count: 690

...cabinet members to reduce unnecessary regulations, including suspending and evaluating **rules** around the **Waters of the United States**. Ag groups have criticized the rules under the former Obama...

Dairy farmer Ranae Dietzel told U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue on Saturday that she and her husband struggled for about a decade to find land they could farm.Frustrated, Dietzel and her husband, Kevin, ran an ad that eventually

265. Farmers like Trump ag actions

Bismarck Tribune, The (ND) August 05, 2017 Word Count: 645

...Agency is in the process of getting rid of the **Waters of the United States rule** that farmers and ranchers say would be burdensome, giving federal...

REDWOOD FALLS, Minn. - Many, if not most, farmers say they like what they have seen so far in how President Donald Trump deals with agriculture.Most specifically, they like him naming Sonny Perdue agriculture secretary, although some are concerned

266. I think none of us should be surprised by President Trump's styleTell Willie CALL 916-9749

Journal, The (Seneca, SC) August 05, 2017 Word Count: 1275

...such pollution. Please oppose HR 1105 Clean Water Act, Stop **WOTUS Rule**. Willie says To get everybody up to speed, the Clean...

Willie

267. New EPA administrator seeks farmer input

Ag Journal (La Junta, CO) August 04, 2017 Word Count: 506

...Kansas to discuss the repeal and clarification of the 2015 **Waters of the United States rule**. With the February executive order to revise or rescind the 2015 **WOTUS Rule**, Pruitt is taking strides to clarify this rule by sitting...
...A key item on Pruitt's agenda is clarifying the 2015 **WOTUS rule**. "As we do rule making, as an agency, it's our...

On July 27, in Guymon, Oklahoma, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt met with farmers from Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas to discuss the repeal and clarification of the 2015 Waters of the United States rule.

268. EPA taking comments on water rule repeal

Gazette, The (Colorado Springs, CO) August 04, 2017 Word Count: 365

...Polluters escaped fines for violations because of uncertain jurisdiction. "The **WOTUS rule** was the Obama Administration's most onerous federal water grab and...

The Environmental Protection Agency this week formally launched its effort to rescind regulations over certain bodies of water.

269. Someone Just Noticed That Trump Is Getting Stuff DoneAfter months of fixating on tweets and Russia, someone in the press decided to have a look at what the Trump administration has been up to since Ja...

Investor's Business Daily August 04, 2017 Word Count: 496

...growth-choking Clean Power Plan, and draining the heavy-handed **Waters of the United States rule**. When a veteran EPA official resigned this week, she complained...

After months of fixating on tweets and Russia, someone in the press decided to have a look at what the Trump administration has been up to since January. Achievements: After weeks and months of fixating on tweets and Russia, someone in the press

270. DNR seeks input on water quality standard changes

Lebanon Daily Record, The (Lebanon, MO) August 04, 2017 Word Count: 497

...repeal by the U.S. EPA of the federal Clean Water **Rule** on **waters of the United States**. "The recent repeal of the federal Clean Water Rule marks...

JEFFERSON CITY - The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is seeking comments on a draft Regulatory Impact Report on proposed changes to 10 CSR 20-7.031, Water Quality Standards, including revised nutrient criteria for lakes. Since EPA

271. EPA's Pruitt to visit N.D.

Bismarck Tribune, The (ND) August 03, 2017 Word Count: 200

...overreaching federal regulations such as the Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule," Burgum said in a statement. "Administrator Pruitt understands that the...

...overreaching federal regulations such as the Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule.,Gov. Doug Burgum, statement on Pruitt's visit to N.D. North...

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt will visit North Dakota next week, holding meetings in Fargo and Grand Forks.Pruitt will participate in an invite-only discussion with state and local leaders on Aug. 9 in Fargo

272. OP-ED Don't Drain These Swamps, Mr. Trump

Hartford Courant August 03, 2017 Word Count: 679

...with the launch of the Environmental Protection Agency. Revisiting the " waters of the United States" rule constitutes political gerrymandering of America's natural waters. Environmental Protection Agency...

Drain the swamp.This is one of Donald Trump's favorite expressions. Earlier this year, on Feb. 28, he issued an executive order to drain the metaphorical swamp of federal regulations that protect the actual swamps of our national landscapes. I

273. Groups miffed EPA chief doesn't include them in visitPruitt was in Indiana to discuss clean water rules

Journal and Courier (Lafayette, IN) August 03, 2017 Word Count: 801

...the conversation about the "Water of the United States," or WOTUS rule, and efforts to rescind it. Pruitt concluded his Indiana trip...

"The agriculture industry should not be burdened with unnecessary government overreach."SCOTT PRUITT

274. Returning the EPA to its core mission

York News-Times (York, NE) August 03, 2017 Word Count: 512

...Engineers to repeal the Obama administration's Waters of the U.S. rule, or WOTUS. This rule was one of the most flagrant abuses of regulatory power...

For too long, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has strayed from its intended purpose and instead has become a red tape factory with little to no accountability. Thankfully, the Trump administration is working to reverse this harmful trend.

275. Time remains to speak out on EPA rules.

Daily Herald (Arlington Heights, IL) August 02, 2017 Word Count: 501

...most of your farmland. Fortunately, the Waters of the U.S. (**WOTUS**) rule has been tied up in a federal court and has...

I opened an email from the Illinois Farm Bureau this past Monday. A very important email I might add. Over the past three years, hundreds of Illinois Farm Bureau members have repeatedly responded to each Farm Bureau call to undo the Obama EPA's

276. Farmers gather to hear legislative updates

Yadkin Ripple, The (Yadkinville, NC) August 02, 2017 Word Count: 520

...to move forward with the repeal of the EPA's 2015 **WOTUS** rule. Farm Bureau has long viewed the 2015 rule as federal...

Aug. 02--Yadkin County Farm Bureau, the county's largest general farm advocacy organization, recently hosted its annual Legislative Appreciation Dinner at the Yadkin County Agricultural Center in Yadkinville. Farm Leaders from across the county

277. Trump Admin early release on regulatory agenda AGRICULTURE

Stuttgart Daily Leader, The (Stuttgart, AR) August 01, 2017 Word Count: 339

...to rescind and then revise the "Waters of the U.S." rule, known as **WOTUS**, and the decision to move the New Source Performance Standards...

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Recently the Trump Administration released the fall Unified Agenda laying out the regulatory and deregulatory actions they intend to pursue in the coming year.

278. The Energy 202: How Pruitt's hustle to deregulate the EPA may bite him A methane gas court ruling last night shows why.

WashingtonPost.com August 01, 2017 Word Count: 3736

...provide clarity" by "withdrawing" the clean-water protection, called the **Waters of the United States** (**WOTUS**) rule, the agency only took its first step in a dual...

...the rollback of other Obama-era regulations, such as the **WOTUS** rule or the Clean Power Plan, rely on different parts of...

THE LIGHTBULB In his aggressive pursuit of rolling back Obama administration regulations, President Trump's

top environmental official may be bumping up against his legal limits.

279. **Brown, Portman back Russia sanctions bill** Measure passed with bipartisan support.: **CAPITOL CORRIDORS**

Dayton Daily News (OH) July 31, 2017 Word Count: 656

...that critics have countered has been to overly burdensome. The **Waters of the United States rule**, Chabot said, "has been terrible for our nation's small businesses..."

WASHINGTON - Both of Ohio's senators supported sanctions on Iran, Russia and North Korea, urging President Donald Trump to sign the bill.

280. **AT THE 'SIGNIFICANT NEXUS' OF CLEAN WATER**

Akron Beacon Journal (Ohio) July 30, 2017 Word Count: 741

...the announcement of an executive order to roll back the "**Waters of the United States rule**". The president described the rule as an example of government...

Of all the wild exaggerations, half-truths and outright lies told by President Trump the past six months, recall the remarks he delivered in late February. The occasion was the announcement of an executive order to roll back the "Waters of the

281. **House bills protecting Missourians' interests**

Jefferson City News-Tribune (Jefferson City, MO) July 29, 2017 Word Count: 515

...the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to withdraw from the burdensome **Waters of the United States rule**, which is an important action for Missouri farmers and ranchers...

This week, the House of Representatives passed the Make America Secure Appropriations Act. This package includes funding bills for four portions of our government - defense, energy and water, legislative branch, and military construction/veterans

282. **Pa. Farm Bureau invites farmers, the public to its exhibit** Plenty of activities for children on tap inside Farm Bureau building

Farmer's Friend, The (Towanda, PA) July 28, 2017 Word Count: 714

...issues impacting state agriculture, including the latest developments surrounding the **Waters of the United States** (

WOTUS rule. Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation - The foundation will have an...

CAMP HILL - Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB) is welcoming visitors to its exhibition building at Ag Progress Days from Aug. 15-17 to learn how Farm Bureau is working for its members, their families and the future of agriculture. Visitors can catch up

283. Pruitt attends town hall in Panhandle

Journal Record (Oklahoma City, OK) July 28, 2017 Word Count: 260

...Kansas to discuss the repeal and clarification of the 2015 **Waters of the United States Rule**. With the February executive order to revise or rescind the 2015 **Waters of the United States Rule**, Pruitt has been meeting with agriculturalists in more than 15...

...to hear from you," said Pruitt. " The last time this **rule** (2015 **WOTUS Rule**) was adopted this didn't happen. This dialogue is very important...

GUYMON – Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt met in Guymon with farmers from Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas to discuss the repeal and clarification of the 2015 Waters of the United States Rule.

284. Trump rolled back this environmental rule. California may replace it with a stronger one

Sacramento Bee, The (CA) July 28, 2017 Word Count: 957

...in environmental cases. The issue stems from a once-obscure **rule** known as "**Waters of the United States**," or WOTUS, a highly technical set of guidelines under which...

...protect rivers, streams and certain other bodies of water. The **WOTUS rule**, despite its complexities, is controversial. It has sparked a legal...

President Donald Trump's administration gave California land developers and farmers a reason to cheer when the White House last month rolled back controversial regulations for wetlands imposed during the Obama presidency. They may want to hold off

285. House GOP Tries To Slip Through 'Radical' Rollback Of Drinking Water Protections

Huffington Post July 27, 2017 Word Count: 816

...give meaningful consideration to public comments before rescinding the 2015 **Waters of the United States Rule**. That regulation, also known as the Clean Water Rule, extended...

Republicans in the House are considering a measure that would let the Trump administration bypass the usual

steps to eliminate drinking water protections.A provision buried in a massive spending bill set to be debated this week would allow the

286. **Fined farmer appeals to Trump administration**

Redding Record Searchlight (Redding, CA) July 26, 2017 Word Count: 726

...completely the opposite of what President Trump promised under WOTUS (**waters of the United States**) **rules**," he said.
An email sent to the White House Press...

July 26--plowing.JPGBuy PhotoJohn Duarte faces a \$2.8 million fine for plowing this field south of Red Bluff back in 2012.(Photo: Damon Arthur/Record Searchlight)Buy Photo

287. **The Energy 202: House GOP wants to slick the skids for water rule repeal**

WashingtonPost.com July 26, 2017 Word Count: 2124

...of office. Trump vowed to rescind the regulation, called the **Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule** during his first 100 days as president. But six months...

...contains a provision exempting Trump's efforts to the repeal the **WOTUS rule** from review by judges through challenges brought by environmental groups...

THE LIGHTBULB Repealing a major clean water rule issued under President Obama has been such a priority for the Trump administration that the White House launched a landing page in January explaining why the rule needed to go just moments

288. **W.Va. regaining its energy-state status**

Charleston Gazette-Mail (Charleston, WV) July 25, 2017 Word Count: 617

...including the Stream Buffer Zone rule, the Clean Power Plan, **Waters of the United States rule** and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, would have decimated...

State should pursue private partners for clean-coal power generationThe recent visit to West Virginia by United States Energy Secretary Rick Perry underscores the importance of West Virginia coal to President Donald Trump and his administration.Its

289. **WOTUS rejection is a victory for landowners**

Daily Astorian, The (Astoria, OR) July 25, 2017 Word Count: 491

...bodies of water that have a "significant nexus" with navigable waters of the United States. The rule left it to the bureaucrats to determine that nexus, and...

You can add our voice to those cheering a decision by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to rescind the 2015 Clean Water Rule meant to define waters of the United States that are regulated under the Clean

290. California farmer tries new strategy in fight with federal government over \$2.8 million plowing fine

Sacramento Bee, The (CA) July 25, 2017 Word Count: 662

...Water Act known as "Waters of the United States," or WOTUS. The rule is supposed to protect "navigable" rivers and streams, but the...

...our nation's farmers and businesses," Pruitt said in June. The WOTUS rule exempts ordinary farming activities that are "established and ongoing." However...

Northern California farmer John Duarte, facing millions of dollars in fines for plowing a Sacramento Valley wheat field, previously sought help from President Donald Trump's attorney general and EPA chief to get the government off his back. Now

291. EPA chief visits Orangeburg area to argue against Obama-era water rules

Times and Democrat, The (Orangeburg, SC) July 25, 2017 Word Count: 778

...should be responsible, predictable, accountable, profitable and stable." "The previous WOTUS rule injects a great deal of complexity and uncertainty into the...

July 25--A group of state and federal officials gathered outside Orangeburg on Monday to argue against water rules they believe are too confusing and burdensome for farmers. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt said an Obama

292. Six months of shake president's supporters in Colorado

Gazette, The (Colorado Springs, CO) July 24, 2017 Word Count: 1783

...who announced that the administration will repeal the Obama-era Waters of the United States rule, which clarified regulatory authority under the Clean Water Act to...

Donald Trump's true believers in Colorado still believe. - Since taking up residency in the White House six months ago, the first family has taken on political wounds over their potential involvement with Russian

operatives, a shaky health care

293. Fischer: Holding regulators accountable

Star-Herald (Scottsbluff, NE) July 24, 2017 Word Count: 631

...Nebraska families and communities thrive. From tackling the Obama administration's "Waters of the United States" (WOTUS) rule, which would have decreased local control over our water resources...

...had some success. Since the Obama administration first proposed the WOTUS rule, I have sounded the alarm about the negative effects it...

Both in my office and when I travel our state, Nebraskans often describe how federal regulations act as obstacles to their success. That's why one of my priorities in the Senate has been to cut government red tape. Doing so helps Nebraska families

294. Opposition to water protection based on falsehoods

New Orleans Times Picayune July 23, 2017 Word Count: 882

...Trump administration's attempt to repeal the Waters of the U.S. rule, or WOTUS - and the loud support that came from Louisiana Attorney General...

...of what they could drain, plow and build on. The WOTUS rule did just that. It's important to understand that rules and...

One of the great challenges in covering the environment has always been learning to separate fact from fiction when it comes to regulations. Because almost every regulation protecting the public will cost those being regulated money, the debate can

295. Free traders of the red statesIn Kansas and Missouri, 56 per cent of voters cast their ballots for Donald Trump. But many did so despite his virulent anti-trade views, not becau...

Globe and Mail July 22, 2017 Word Count: 2984

...of reducing red tape, particularly his pledge to overhaul the Waters of the United States rule. The Obama-era environmental regulation, which sought to give the...

In Kansas and Missouri, 56 per cent of voters cast their ballots for Donald Trump. But many did so despite his virulent anti-trade views, not because of them. Adrian Morrow finds that even in the heart of Trumpland, Canada has strong allies in the

296. The Energy 202: Pruitt accused by watchdog of breaking law by bashing Paris deal

WashingtonPost.com July 21, 2017 Word Count: 2539

...conduct indirect lobbying in support of the Obama administration's controversial " **Waters of the United States**" (**WOTUS**) **rule**, designed to greatly expand the number of waterways under the...

THE LIGHTBULB A Democratic watchdog group is accusing President Trump's top environmental law enforcer of misusing funds to rail against the Paris climate agreement.

297. EPA chief Pruitt in Arkansas pushing end to clean air and water rules

Arkansas Times July 20, 2017 Word Count: 343

...He's now listening to AR Agriculture stakeholders' responses to the # **WOTUS rule**. **WOTUS** is waters of the United States. It refers to an...

...wants to give farmers and ranchers certainty in a new # **WOTUS rule**. Listening to ideas of Arkansas landowners today. #arpx City dwellers...

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt was in Little Rock today and touted his effort to loosen clean air and water rules at a meeting at the Don and Randal Tyson Conference Center at the Arkansas Poultry Federation. This was not a widely announced visit to

298. At the Capitol: Governor meets with EPA director: Dayton worries Washington could undermine Minnesota efforts

St. Paul Pioneer Press (MN) July 20, 2017 Word Count: 411

...can be controlled by the federal government. The Obama administration's **Waters of the United States rules** drew criticism because Republicans, in particular, said the regulation could...

Minnesota can keep its environment clean, but the President Donald Trump's administration could make the job difficult, Gov. Mark Dayton says.

299. Pruitt backs funding for Great Lakes // EPA chief departs from Trump's budget proposal.

Star Tribune: Newspaper of the Twin Cities (Minneapolis, MN) July 20, 2017 Word Count: 896

...complete a first draft of a new version of the " **Waters of the United States**" **rule** in the first quarter of 2018. He also, for the...

...said he urged Pruitt to develop clearer standards for the " **Waters of the United States**" **rule** and to avoid using the federal agency to "micromanage" Minnesota's...

Scott Pruitt, the nation's top environmental officer, said Wednesday he endorses continued federal funding for a

landmark cleanup of the Great Lakes — a departure from the Trump administration's budget proposal, which would essentially kill the

300. Battle over the Clean Water Rule: What's at stake?

Christian Science Monitor (USA) July 19, 2017 Word Count: 921

...Water Rule, also known as the "Waters of the US" rule, or WOTUS. Mr. Pruitt was acting on an executive order signed by...
...and returns regulatory authority to states. Q: What is the rule? The term "Waters of the United States" comes from the landmark 1972 Clean Water Act. The 2015...

Just who gets to regulate America's many seasonal streams and wetlands? That's a question that has long been contentious.

301. EPA's Pruitt in Utah to gather input on water rule

Deseret Morning News July 19, 2017 Word Count: 879

...states' needs in general and in specific how the controversial Waters of the United States rule should be retooled. During his tour of Utah, Pruitt stopped...

...Trump that called for a rollback of the so-called WOTUS rule, which inspired a firestorm of controversy when it was adopted...

Deseret NewsSALT LAKE CITY - Utah's conservative political leaders, farmers and ranchers are hopeful a Tuesday roundtable discussion with the head of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will result in a new regulation that provides clarity on

302. Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame pulls out of Big Timber site because of wetlands issues

Montana Standard, The (Butte) July 16, 2017 Word Count: 2421

...suspects a project may have water that falls under the Waters of the United States designation, a rule from the federal Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Army Corps...

July 16--BIG TIMBER -- The Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame is stepping back from plans to open a large facility here after years of planning, saying undisclosed wetlands on the part of the properties leased by the organization swamped their plans. In

303. Clean Water Rule keeps states safe

News Journal, The (Wilmington, DE) July 16, 2017 Word Count: 560

...Water Act. And, of course, it's not appropriate for the **WOTUS rule** to regulate about 200 miles of manmade ditches, swales and...

...basis of the economy and environment. The repeal of the **WOTUS rule** would leave 1,000 miles of the most beautiful small streams...

Surrounded by water as one of just three states that sit on a peninsula, coastal Delaware is fortuitously situated on the beautiful Eastern Seaboard of the United States. Although the second smallest state, the First State is rich in water

304. Senator Joni Ernst presented AAW Champion of Agriculture Award

Farm Forum (Aberdeen, SD) July 14, 2017 Word Count: 357

...definition of WOTUS. She recognized the flaws in the expanded **WOTUS Rule**, and the need for a more effective approach to protecting...

AgPR

305. EDITORIAL: Zealotry is no substitute for science

Washington Times (DC) July 14, 2017 Word Count: 441

...and often loosely written environmental rules. One of these, the "**Waters of the United States rule**", which attempted to declare everything short of milady's bathtub a...

On its way out the door last January, the Obama administration took care to satisfy the demands of helpful special interests, issuing many new and often loosely written environmental rules. One of these, the "Waters of the United States" rule,

306. Court OKs online sales tax resolution

Courier, The (Russellville, AR) July 13, 2017 Word Count: 780

...resolution in support of a presidential order pertaining to the **waters of the United States Rule**. No comments were made on the county's 2015 independent auditor's...

The Pope County Quorum Court unanimously approved a resolution during its monthly meeting that supported federal and state legislation to ensure the proper assessment and collection of sales tax from all internet or online sales.

307. Collins meets with constituents, talks shop at Summerfest

Livingston County News (Geneseo, NY) July 13, 2017 Word Count: 841

...the president's recent decision to either rescind or revise the Waters of the United States rule, which farmers feared would give the federal government authority over...

Congressman Chris Collins had a message Friday for Gov. Andrew Cuomo: "I dare you."

308. Louisiana farmers awash in relief as Waters rule sinks

Plaquemine Post South (Plaquemine, LA) July 13, 2017 Word Count: 488

...NorthAmerica 2714 Word Count: 488 With the EPA rescinding the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule under the Clean Water Act recently, Louisiana farmers and ranchers...

With the EPA rescinding the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule under the Clean Water Act recently, Louisiana farmers and ranchers should have felt refreshed.

309. MN Farm Bureau statement on EPA proposed WOTUS repeal

Sleepy Eye Herald Dispatch (Sleepy Eye, MN) July 13, 2017 Word Count: 81

...was pleased with the EPA's proposal to ditch the 2015 rule defining Waters of the United States (WOTUS). It was an over regulation that created confusion and...

"Minnesota Farm Bureau was pleased with the EPA's proposal to ditch the 2015 rule defining Waters of the United States (WOTUS). It was an over regulation that created confusion and uncertainty for regulators and farmers, ranchers and others who

310. The Energy 202: Pentagon climate work in the GOP crosshairs

WashingtonPost.com July 13, 2017 Word Count: 2693

...already taken steps to undo the targeted policy, called the Waters of the United States (or WOTUS) rule, which greatly expands the number of waterways the EPA has...

THE LIGHTBULB Brick by brick, the Obama administration's climate legacy is being disassembled across the federal government.

311. Strange touts his work as Alabama AGUS senator still battles Bentley questions in quest for re-election

Montgomery Advertiser (AL) July 12, 2017 Word Count: 1093

...touts efforts to reverse the previous administration's changes to the **Waters of the United States rule**, which aimed to protect wetlands and waterways but drew criticism...

"What I'm telling my colleagues is Alabama did the right thing in trying to be innovative and efficient. The second thing I'm telling them is we have to make Medicaid sustainable over the long-term."U.S. Sen. Luther Strange

312. EPA CUTS LESS SEVERE UNDER HOUSE BILL

Record, The (Hackensack, NJ) July 12, 2017 Word Count: 547

...EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's call to to withdraw the 2015 "**Waters of the United States rule**". Adopted by the Obama administration, it expands the definition of...

The severe cuts to the federal Environmental Protection Agency called for by President Donald Trump would be avoided and a federal board that investigates chemical industry accidents would not be eliminated under a House bill released Tuesday.

313. ANOTHER OPINION: Clean water standards in peril

Daily Commercial (Leesburg, FL) July 11, 2017 Word Count: 489

...repeal a 2015 clean water rule. That's a shame. The **Waters of the United States rule** was meant to protect the drinking water supply for more...

...That hostility might explain why both of them dislike the **Waters of the United States rule** so much. It relies on science to determine whether bodies...

Another bid by President Donald Trump to "repeal and replace" a major Obama administration achievement recently got a boost when the Environmental Protection Agency moved to repeal a 2015 clean water rule. That's a shame.

314. EPA officially withdraws WOTUS

Mesabi Daily News (Virginia, MN) July 11, 2017 Word Count: 682

...are using today and serves as the basis for pulling **WOTUS**. The **WOTUS Rule** was highly controversial and largely opposed

by the agricultural community...

...rural America and are taking steps to repeal this burdensome **rule**," Thune said. "**WOTUS** was just another example of Obama-era government overreach, which...

WASHINGTON D.C. - The Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers have filed an official proposal to withdraw the 2015 Waters of the U.S. Rule due to the concerns of rural America. EPA now begins a replacement rulemaking process

315. Pending federal lifting of 'WOTUS' rule draws mixed local reaction

Cecil Whig (Elkton, MD) July 10, 2017 Word Count: 839

...Pg. Unavail. Online) 2017 WLNR 21148757 Pending federal lifting of '**WOTUS**' **rule** draws mixed local reaction Brad Kroner bkroner@chespub.com Cecil Whig...

...Under the Clean Water Rule, also referred to as the "**WOTUS**" **rule**, tributaries with noticeable water flow are protected, as well as...

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Following an executive order in February and a newly proposed rule, the Trump Administration has moved to peel back a controversial Obama-era regulation called the Clean Water Rule, which expanded the scope of the waters

316. Ohio, US must protect water, health

Columbus Dispatch (OH) July 10, 2017 Word Count: 299

...beyond just the Great Lakes, like keeping our Clean Water **Rule** and the **Waters of the United States rule**. Sam Gerard Columbus GOP lays siege to abortion rights I...

I respond to the Associated Press article "Scientists seek test for algal toxins" in Wednesday's Dispatch that detailed the anticipated rise in algae blooms. Algal blooms are especially toxic to people, and have been linked to symptoms such as

317. To protect our water, withdraw flawed legislation

News Journal, The (Wilmington, DE) July 09, 2017 Word Count: 454

...to the Federal Register a proposal to rescind its controversial **rule** defining "**waters of the United States**" and re-codify the regulatory text that existed prior to...

...EPA's proposal to ditch its flawed Waters of the U.S. (**WOTUS**) **rule**. We know the importance of clean water, and farmers and...

" ... This rule was never really about clean water. It was a federal land grab designed to put a straightjacket on farming and private businesses across this nation." Zippy Duvall, American Farm Bureau Federation president

318. Return authority over intrastate water to the states

Daily Sparks Tribune, The (Sparks, NV) July 08, 2017 Word Count: 605

...right to sue in court over EPA permitting determinations under **WOTUS rules**. The federal agencies had circuitously contended that property owners could...

The Environmental Protection Agency announced this past week that it is moving to rescind the Obama administration's 2015 rules that defined the "waters of the United States" (WOTUS) under the Clean Water Act of 1972 as every stream, ditch, wetland

319. Walberg, growers hail repeal

Monroe News, The (Monroe, MI) July 08, 2017 Word Count: 284

...Trump administration for its proposal last week to withdraw the **Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule** imposed by the Obama Administration. "As I travel the 7th District, the flawed **WOTUS rule** is one of the consistent concerns I hear from the...

U.S.-Rep Tim Walberg, R-Tipton, Michigan Farm Bureau and other organizations applauded the Trump administration for its proposal last week to withdraw the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule imposed by the Obama Administration.

320. Home on the Grange: What's the story of the Mall's Patrons of Husbandry plaque? In 1867, a group designed to help farmers was founded far from any farm.

WashingtonPost.com July 08, 2017 Word Count: 795

...Trump's promise to repeal the Waters of the U.S. — or **WOTUS — rule**, which broadened the EPA's authority over wetlands and tributaries. It's...

Can you tell me more about a plaque that is located on the Mall at Fourth Street and Madison Drive NW honoring the National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry? I assume it marks part of the early community that was next to the old canal before any

321. American Sheep Industry

Farmer's Friend, The (Towanda, PA) July 07, 2017 Word Count: 428

...Sheep Industry Association will address: the EPA's withdraw of the **Waters of the United States Rule**, aka **WOTUS**; the upcoming comment period on the Livestock Protection Collar; and...

American Wool logo available for use

322. Drinking water at risk with new EPA proposals

Journal, The (Cortez, Dolores, Mancos, CO) July 07, 2017 Word Count: 528

...communities, and all Coloradans." "The harmful impacts of the EPA's **Waters of the United States rule** on Colorado's farmers, ranchers, and small business owners cannot be...

...submitted at www.regulations.gov. The EPA plan is online at epa.gov/wotus-rule, and the Environment America brief is at environmentamericacenter.org. Americas GEOAMER...

DENVER - The American public will have 30 days to comment on the Trump administration's plan to repeal and replace the 2015 Clean Water Rule, once it's published in the Federal Register.

323. Rein in Uncle Sam's regulations

Kearney Hub (Kearney, NE) July 07, 2017 Word Count: 288

...came up with something even more ambitious and controversial, the "**waters of the United States rules**". That voluminous proposal asserted regulatory authority for the first time...

...administration has now set a proposal in motion for the "**WOTUS rules**" to be withdrawn. Another rule eliminated this year would have...

Recent history involving the EPA's water regulations provides a prime example of bureaucratic overreach. Recent history involving the Environmental Protection Agency's water regulations provides a prime example of bureaucratic overreach.

324. 'Constricted perspective' Issue is taken with Star's hailing of WOTUS rescinding

Winchester Star, The (Winchester, VA) July 07, 2017 Word Count: 488

...Director Scott Pruitt's announcement that his agency was rescinding the **waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule** that extended the areas regulated under the Clean Water Act...

...While there is room to debate some details of the **WOTUS rule**, its underlying principle rests on common sense and solid science...

Woodward Bousquet

325. POTUS v. WOTUS

Daily News-Record (Harrisonburg, VA) July 06, 2017 Word Count: 374

...Institute, to declare "good riddance" to the Obama era's arbitrary Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule, which subjected almost any body of water anywhere to federal...

Among the reasons conservatives have not given up on President Trump, this is one of them: Last week, the Environmental Protection Agency, under new chief Scott Pruitt, announced it would rescind a rule that, having been stayed in federal court,

326. Collins, Farm Bureau laud move to rescind Obama water rule

Livingston County News (Geneseo, NY) July 06, 2017 Word Count: 525

...Trump administration's recent decision to either rescind or revise the Waters of The United States rule (WOTUS) imposed by the Environmental Protection Agency under the Obama administration...

...27th Congressional District includes all of Livingston County, called the Waters of the United States rule "an example of reckless government overreach" that brought undue burdens...

Clarence) applauded the Trump administration's recent decision to either rescind or revise the Waters of The United States rule (WOTUS) imposed by the Environmental Protection Agency under the Obama administration.

327. Protecting U.S. Water Supplies

Register-Herald, The (Beckley, WV) July 06, 2017 Word Count: 297

...Count: 297 - The Intelligencer, Wheeling Under former President Barack Obama's Waters of the United States rules, even fields dry most of the time and ditches rarely...

- The Intelligencer, Wheeling

328. Promises made, kept or obstructed

Valdosta Daily Times, The (GA) July 06, 2017 Word Count: 578

...Pruitt has signed an order rescinding the egregious Obama era " **Waters of the United States** " rule. "We are taking significant action to return power to the...

While Washington insiders fretted over President Trump's latest tweet about a second-rate talking heads show duo on MSNBC (Google referred to the flap as a "top story," really?), his administration continued its march to keep the promises made by

329. Quarles applauds EPA ruling

Anderson News (Lawrenceburg, KY) July 05, 2017 Word Count: 158

...the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today to withdraw the **Waters of the United States** (**WOTUS**) rule that would have dramatically expanded the EPA's regulatory authority, according...

...decision to propose a repeal of the destructive Obama-era ' **Waters of the United States** ' rule , " Commissioner Quarles said. "By requiring every puddle and pond to...

Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles hailed the decision of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today to withdraw the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule that would have dramatically expanded the EPA's regulatory

330. Babin Applauds Decision to Rollback Obama-era WOTUS Rule

Jasper Newsboy, The (Jasper, TX) July 05, 2017 Word Count: 117

...2017 WLN 29871228 Babin Applauds Decision to Rollback Obama-era **WOTUS Rule** Jasper Newsboy, The (Jasper, TX) News 10A...

...today applauding the EPA's decision to repeal the Obama-era **Waters of the United States** (**WOTUS**) rule that would have given the federal government unprecedented authority to...

Washington, DC - U.S. Rep. Brian Babin (R-TX) issued the following statement today applauding the EPA's decision to repeal the Obama-era Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule that would have given the federal government unprecedented authority

331. Trump's alarming environmental rollback: what's been scrapped so far Since January, the White House, Congress and EPA have engineered a dizzying reversal of regulations designed to protect the environment and public ...

Guardian (UK) July 04, 2017 Word Count: 1200

...rule." 28 February Trump instructs the EPA to rewrite the 'waters of the United States' rule, which expanded the definition of the Clean Water Act to...

Since January, the White House, Congress and EPA have engineered a dizzying reversal of regulations designed to protect the environment and public health. Donald Trump's decision to withdraw the US from the Paris climate deal may have followed months

332. Big Wins for Religious Freedom, National Security and Property Rights

Houston Chronicle July 04, 2017 Word Count: 528

...the White House: the beginning of the end of the Waters of the United States rule, or WOTUS for short. This Obama-era EPA regulation greatly expanded federal...

President Trump's Supreme Court nominee, Justice Neil Gorsuch, made his presence known as the Supreme Court handed down two decisive rulings that strengthened religious freedom and national security - two Trump administration priorities. The state

333. Repealing water rule is applauded Proposal to revoke Waters of the United States rule was submitted last week

Abilene Reporter-News (Abilene, TX) July 03, 2017 Word Count: 643

...WLNR 20338024 Repealing water rule is applauded Proposal to revoke Waters of the United States rule was submitted last week Abilene Reporter-News (Abilene, TX) 1...

...the embattled Waters of the United States, known as the WOTUS rule. "We are taking significant action to return power to the...

"WOTUS has never been about clean water, it was about feeding the Obama EPA's insatiable appetite for power."

334. EPA decision on water rule good for N.D.

Bismarck Tribune, The (ND) July 03, 2017 Word Count: 439

...news when the Environmental Protection Agency announced it's withdrawing the Waters of the United States rule. WOTUS would have redefined how waters in the country are subject...

This is Up and Down, where we give a brief thumbs up and thumbs down on the issues from the past week. Up

335. WOTUS rule

Bluefield Daily Telegraph (WV) July 03, 2017 Word Count: 452

...Bluefield Daily Telegraph (W.Va.) (Pg. Unavail. Online) 2017 WLNR 20476880 **WOTUS rule** Staff Writer Bluefield Daily Telegraph (WV) Editorials...

...Trump administration. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has repealed the **Waters of the United States rule**, a flawed job-killing measure that threatened farmers, miners and...

Another harmful Obama-era rule has been eliminated by the Trump administration. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has repealed the Waters of the United States rule, a flawed job-killing measure that threatened farmers, miners and small

336. AGENCIES, CONGRESS BOTH HAVE OBLIGATIONS Reining in regulations

Omaha World-Herald (NE) July 03, 2017 Word Count: 615

...came up with something even more ambitious and controversial, the “**waters of the United States**” **rules**. That voluminous proposal asserted regulatory authority for the first time...

...administration has now set a proposal in motion for the “**WOTUS**” **rules** to be withdrawn. This history is relevant as lawmakers debate...

Federal regulators are not a law unto themselves. Their only powers are those granted them under specific statutes approved by Congress, an elected body. Agencies need to stay within proper bounds.

337. Four Maine brewers fight EPA repeal of Clean Water Rule

Portland Press Herald (Maine) July 03, 2017 Word Count: 700

...has finally won in the battle over the Obama administration's (**Waters of the United States**) **rule**. This regulation would have been a disaster for rural communities...

Brewers oppose EPA regulation change.Four Maine breweries have signed on to an effort to fight the Trump administration's plan to repeal a rule that gave the Environmental Protection Agency wide authority to regulate pollution in wetlands and other

338. State, federal lawmakers support the end of water regulations rule

Valley News Today (Shenandoah, IA) July 03, 2017 Word Count: 416

...in what it wants to accomplish. The Environmental Protection Agency's **Waters of the United States rule**, he said, was a blanket water policy overseeing “anything to...

...a “very destructive and horrible rule.” “The EPA's so-called ‘**Waters of the United States**’ **rule** is one of the worst examples of federal regulation, and...

David Sieck, a Mills County farmer who also serves in the Iowa House of Representatives, said a federal water regulation rule is "way too far encompassing" in what it wants to accomplish. The Environmental Protection Agency's Waters of the United

339. Herrera Beutler expresses support for EPA proposal to repeal 'Waters of the U.S.' rule

Wenatchee World, The (Wenatchee, WA) July 03, 2017 Word Count: 233

...The Trump Administration just announced its decision to withdraw the **Waters of the United States rule**, which made ditches, man-made ponds, and seasonally wet areas...

...have to obtain a Clean Water Act permit under the **Waters of the United States rule** for the areas mentioned, which in 2006 averaged \$270,000 in...

CAMAS -Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler, R-Camas, applauded the Environmental Protection Agency's move to withdraw the Water of the United States rule, which would expand the government's authority to regulate "navigable waters."According to a

340. Montana farm groups, attorney general praise repeal of Obama-era clean water rule

Billings Gazette (MT) July 02, 2017 Word Count: 707

...of waterways under the Clean Water Act. The so-called "**Waters of the United States" rule** sought to establish federal control over streams and waterways considered...

...found the decision easy to join a lawsuit opposing the **Waters of the United States rule**. Nationally, news of the repeal drew criticism from wildlife and...

A windmill aerates the water in a small pond in Eastern Montana. There has been some question whether expansion of federal control of waterways under the Clean Water Act would affect the management of small bodies of water and stock ponds.In

341. Trump move to repeal Obama water pollution rule draws praise, criticism

Chattanooga Times (Free Press, TN) July 02, 2017 Word Count: 720

...released a 42-page proposal that ultimately will revoke the **rule** known as "**Waters of the United States**," or **WOTUS**. The **rule** took effect in 2015 but was blocked by the 6th...

...U.S. Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., has repeatedly criticized the **WOTUS rule** as an attempt to regulate farmers' "mud puddles." "I've been...

July 02--NASHVILLE -- The Trump administration's move to rescind a controversial Obama-era water pollution regulation is drawing praise from area federal lawmakers as a victory for common sense and local control but brickbats from environmental

342. WOTUS rule withdrawal is welcome news for Michigan farmers

Hillsdale Daily News, The (Hillsdale, MI) July 02, 2017 Word Count: 387

...Daily News (Hillsdale, Mich.) (Pg. Unavail. Online) 2017 WLNR 20450181 **WOTUS rule** withdrawal is welcome news for Michigan farmers Hillsdale Daily News...

...applauded the Trump administration for its proposal to withdraw the **Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule** imposed by the Obama administration. "As I travel the 7th District, the flawed **WOTUS rule** is one of the consistent concerns I hear from the...

WASHINGTON D.C. - - Congressman Tim Walberg (MI-07) recently applauded the Trump administration for its proposal to withdraw the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule imposed by the Obama administration.

343. EPA chief moving quickly on regulatory rollback; With little staff input, Pruitt has delayed or blocked more than 30 rules in four months

Houston Chronicle July 02, 2017 Word Count: 1649

...Last month, Pruitt filed a draft plan to repeal the **Waters of the United States Rule**. On March 22, he had dinner at the Trump International...

WASHINGTON - In the four months since he took office as the Environmental Protection Agency's administrator, Scott Pruitt has moved to undo, delay or otherwise block more than 30 environmental rules, a regulatory rollback larger in scope than any

344. McCaskill's 'Waters of the US' position questioned

Jefferson City News-Tribune (Jefferson City, MO) July 02, 2017 Word Count: 724

...our waters free of pollution." But, she said, the "waters" **rule** - often called **WOTUS** - "went too far for our farmers, ranchers, and landowners." McCaskill...

...against legislation that had the potential to weaken the awful **WOTUS rule**." McCaskill's staff explained those bills actually were more drastic than...

Democrat Claire McCaskill, Missouri's senior U.S. senator, was among the voices last week supporting the Trump administration's proposal to roll back the Environmental Protection Agency's controversial "Waters of the

United States" regulation.

345. Trump administration brings common sense to water regulation

Oklahoman July 02, 2017 Word Count: 503

...week when the administration formally began its overhaul of the "waters of the United States" rule generated by the Obama administration. That regulation would have expanded...

WHILE Congress has moved at a snail's pace advancing promised conservative reforms, President Trump has been far more aggressive - and successful - at paring excessive regulation. The latest example came last week when the administration formally

346. Politicians find it hard to deliver some promises

St. Joseph News-Press (MO) July 02, 2017 Word Count: 722

...an Environmental Protection Agency edict from 2015 known as the Waters of the United States rule. Specifically, it expanded the range of navigable waterways under the...

...nearly every campaign stop as an opportunity to criticize the "WOTUS" rule and excessive regulations generally. "(The rule) was an egregious Washington...

July 02--Promises have long been the currency of political campaigns. After Election Day, they sometimes appear to be counterfeit bills. Because of the waterfall of promises made in 2016, a particularly fertile year, many have simply been

347. Repeal of wetland legislation could affect Lake Erie

Blade, The (Toledo, OH) July 01, 2017 Word Count: 719

...professor who specializes in water law. "The goal of the WOTUS rule was trying to provide more certainty regarding where that line...

July 01--The Trump Administration has moved to repeal a federal regulation designed to protect wetlands and small bodies of water, alarming Ohio environmentalists who say the rollback would leave Lake Erie vulnerable to contamination. The 2015

348. Farm groups question Trump administration Cuba policy

Springfield State Journal-Register, The July 01, 2017 Word Count: 676

...last week's announcement it would seek to repeal the controversial **Waters of the United States** environmental **rule**. Agriculture organizations strongly opposed the Obama-era regulation as federal...

July 01--West-central Illinois farmer Todd Gail returned from a weeklong trip to Cuba in 2015 with firsthand accounts of the demand for U.S. agricultural products and expertise."There are opportunities there," said Gail, whose family operates a

349. Nebraska officials praise repeal of WOTUS

Star-Herald (Scottsbluff, NE) July 01, 2017 Word Count: 450

...plan to repeal the Obama administration's Waters of the U.S. **rule** (**WOTUS**). The **rule** was issued by both agencies in 2015, defining which waterways...

...signals another important step toward full removal of the harmful **WOTUS rule**." She said the EPA announcement removed the **WOTUS rule** from the Code of Federal Regulations. By doing so, it...

Rep. Adrian Smith and Sen. Deb Fischer reacted positively to news Tuesday that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Army Corps of Engineers plan to repeal the Obama administration's Waters of the U.S. rule (WOTUS).

350. Hartzler welcomes EPA proposal to rescind waters rule

Boonville Daily News (Boonville, MO) June 30, 2017 Word Count: 256

...the following statement on the Trump administration's withdrawal of the **Waters of the United States** (**WOTUS**) **rule** which would remove the 2015 Obama-era regulation that expanded...

...Missourians have been faced with regulatory uncertainty from the flawed ' **Waters of the United States** ' **rule** that would put 99% of Missouri land under federal jurisdiction...

WASHINGTON - Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler (R-MO) issued the following statement on the Trump administration's withdrawal of the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule which would remove the 2015 Obama-era regulation that expanded federal power

351. LIES ... and the winner, by a nose, is Mr. President

Cleveland Plain Dealer June 30, 2017 Word Count: 3569

...by the hundreds of thousands." (There's no evidence that the **Waters of the United States rule** caused severe job losses.) Feb. 28: "We have begun to...

Many Americans have become accustomed to President Donald Trump's lies. But as regular

352. Louisiana farmers face fresh challenges Whether caused by Mother Nature or Washington politics, worries this year are constant

Daily World (Opelousas, LA) June 30, 2017 Word Count: 728

...the industry. Trump has paved the way to eliminate the **Waters of the United States rule**, also known as WOTUS. The 2015 rule, which was never...

NEW ORLEANS — Louisiana farmers may not have faced the 10 Biblical plagues during the last two years, but sometimes it feels like it. "Basically, we've been getting hammered in the north and the south," said Caddo Parish cattle rancher Marty

353. Parsing the waters

Herald-Palladium, The (St. Joseph, MI) June 30, 2017 Word Count: 647

...announced it would take the first step toward reversing the "**Waters of the United States**" rule issued by the Obama administration. "This is a big win...

U.S. Rep. Fred Upton and local farmers are applauding the EPA's decision to consider rolling back rules that govern the nation's waterways, while environmentalists are warning that scrapping regulations could lead to more pollution.

354. Kansas politicians, ag leaders, applaud WOTUS rescind

Hutchinson News (Hutchinson, KS) June 30, 2017 Word Count: 627

...Schmidt "Kansans have argued for years that the Obama administration's **WOTUS Rule** was an unlawful overreach by the federal government that invaded...

...by federal court order. Moving forward to formally repeal the **WOTUS rule** marks another step in returning traditional powers to the state...

Kansas politicians and several agricultural groups this week applauded the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's announcement that it would rescind a controversial Clean Water Act rule that, opponents say, gives the government a broad jurisdiction

355. Shuster-backed issues advance in Washington

Public Opinion (Chambersburg, PA) June 30, 2017 Word Count: 360

...for moving forward with a repeal of an extremely flawed **WOTUS rule**. The Obama administration's overreaching and ambiguous **WOTUS rule** is simply an expansion of federal power that threatens to...

WASHINGTON - U.S. Rep. Bill Shuster, R-Everett, has strongly advocated for the privatization of the nation's air traffic control system and for rescinding federal rules governing small bodies of water. Both issues moved forward this week in the

356. 'Good riddance' Trump's EPA rescinds 'WOTUS'

Winchester Star, The (Winchester, VA) June 30, 2017 Word Count: 474

...Institute, to declare "Good riddance" to the Obama era's arbitrary **Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule**, which subjected almost any body of water anywhere to federal...

There are reasons why not all conservatives have totally given up on President Trump. Here are two of them.

357. Hogan's Trumpish turn: Our view: Governor needlessly (and perhaps meaninglessly) picks a fight on recycling

Baltimore Sun (MD) June 29, 2017 Word Count: 753

...to streams and wetlands. The logic of the Clean Water **Rule** (a.k.a. the "**waters of the United States**" regulations) wasn't hard to fathom: Water runs downhill, and leaving...

Toward the end of his administration, Gov. Martin O'Malley signed an executive order formally setting a "zero waste" goal for Maryland. The point was mainly to encourage recycling and stop burying so much trash in landfills, which is costly and can

358. Mike Pence in Cleveland, talks healthcare: Ohio Politics Roundup

cleveland.com (Cleveland, OH) June 29, 2017 Word Count: 1804

...EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt said his agency will redraft the '**Waters of the United States' rule** in a way that will 'return power to the states...

June 29--Mike Pence on Wednesday landed in Cleveland to talk healthcare. The Ohio Senate passed the state's budget -- it gives \$1 million to crisis pregnancy centers, which not refer women from abortions. It also allows the sale of alcoholic ice

359. Tennessee Farm Bureau praises EPA's decision on Clean Water Act

Daily Herald, The (Columbia, TN) June 29, 2017 Word Count: 608

...Tennessee are extremely happy with what's taken place with the **Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule**," Farm Bureau President Jeff Aiken told The Daily Herald on...

...as much or more than anyone else, we felt the **WOTUS rule** was just a regulatory overreach that would have been a...

June 29--Heavily agricultural areas voted for President Donald Trump, in part, because of his pledge to scale back the Environmental Protection Agency's interpretation of the Clean Water Act. The Tennessee Farm Bureau made the issue one of its

360. 'Waters of the U.S.' rule to be repealed by EPA

Gazette, The (Colorado Springs, CO) June 29, 2017 Word Count: 499

...this week that the administration will repeal the so-called **Waters of the United States rule**, or **WOTUS**. The **rule**, enacted under the Obama administration, clarifies regulatory authority under the...

...burdens. "The previous administration used the vague language in the **WOTUS Rule** to harm local communities - including ranchers, farmers, and small business...

Members of Colorado's congressional delegation and the Trump administration are taking steps to roll back the federal government's reach over bodies of water across the country.

361. WOTUS repeal celebrated Local farmers praise EPA's repeal of Waters of the United States rule

Hannibal Courier-Post, The (Hannibal, MO) June 29, 2017 Word Count: 851

...20125972 WOTUS repeal celebrated Local farmers praise EPA's repeal of **Waters of the United States rule** Trevor McDonald; Courier Post Reporter Hannibal Courier-Post, The (Hannibal...

...Agency's (EPA) and Department of the Army's withdrawal of the **Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule** on June 27, area farmers are voicing their support for...

NORTHEAST MISSOURI

362. Colorado Cattlemen's Association: CCA supports repeal of WOTUS: cca

La Junta Tribune-Democrat (La Junta, CO) June 29, 2017 Word Count: 304

...Word Count: 304 The Trump Administration proposed repeal of the **Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule** on Tuesday, June 27, nearly two years after it took...

...CCA enthusiastically supports the Administration's efforts to rescind the 2015 **WOTUS rule**, along with numerous states and

state groups involved with the...

The Trump Administration proposed repeal of the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule on Tuesday, June 27, nearly two years after it took effect.

363. Trump administration seeks to rescind Obama-era water rule

Legal Monitor Worldwide (Jordan) June 29, 2017 Word Count: 379

...Obama administration. The so-called Water of the United States Rule (WOTUS) was proposed in 2014 as a means to clarify the...

(JURIST) - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers on Tuesday released a proposal that will rescind the 2015 Clean Water Rule implemented by the Obama administration. The so-called Water of the United States Rule

364. WOTUS: Officials weigh in on EPA repeal

Mineral Daily News-Tribune (Keyser, WV) June 29, 2017 Word Count: 515

...the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) decision to repeal the Waters of the United States rule, otherwise known as WOTUS. "Administrator Pruitt and the EPA's decision...

...Virginia and throughout the country." Senator Capito said. "The harmful WOTUS rule places unfair burdens on our farmers, small businesses and energy...

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), a member of the Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee, applauded the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) decision to repeal the Waters of the United States rule,

365. EDITORIAL: it's a new day for water rules

St. Joseph News-Press (MO) June 29, 2017 Word Count: 367

...to rescind or revise the new requirements known as the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) Rule. The agencies complied this week by taking steps to withdraw...

June 29--The election of President Trump is bringing about a significant regulatory change that clearly will benefit more than just his Republican supporters. Under the Obama administration, a sharp rebuke from a federal judge did little to deter

366. Discussions continue on Senate health care bill

Star-Herald (Scottsbluff, NE) June 29, 2017 Word Count: 809

...to roll-back the Obama-era Waters of the U.S. (**WOTUS**) **rule**. However, the legal process the Environmental Protection Agency will need...

U.S. Sen. Deb Fischer gave few definitive statements Thursday regarding her opinions of the Senate's plan to repeal and replace The Affordable Healthcare Act, also known Obamacare, during a conference call with reporters.

367. Georgia's U.S. senators praise decision to roll back Waters of the U.S. rule

Albany Herald, The (Albany, GA) June 28, 2017 Word Count: 385

...the EPA was taking action to begin rolling back the **rule** known as **Waters of the United States**, or WOTUS. "This is great news for Georgia's farmers and...

...a Senate resolution to overturn the rule, have argued the **WOTUS Rule** allowed the federal government to regulate nearly all of the...

Johnny Isakson

368. EPA targeting 'Waters of the United States' clean-water rule

Atlanta Business Chronicle June 28, 2017 Word Count: 329

...Bus. Chron. (Pg. Unavail. Online) 2017 WLNR 19928714 EPA targeting ' **Waters of the United States**' clean-water **rule** Dave Williams Atlanta Business Chronicle...

...administration. The EPA proposed to repeal a portion of the " **Waters of the United States**" **rule** that pertains to federal regulation of small waterways. "This is...

The Environmental Protection Agency took the first step Tuesday toward repealing a controversial clean-water rule imposed by the Obama administration. The EPA proposed to repeal a portion of the "Waters of the United States" rule that pertains to

369. Boozman applauds EPA's withdrawal of WOTUS rule

Banner-News (Magnolia, AR) June 28, 2017 Word Count: 146

...Ark.) 2 2017 WLNLR 19892283 Boozman applauds EPA's withdrawal of **WOTUS rule** Banner-News (Magnolia, AR) Community 2...

...is dismantling the Obama administration's overreaching Waters of the U.S. (**WOTUS**) rule: "I applaud the Trump administration for the withdrawal of this...

WASHINGTON - U.S. Senator John Boozman (R-AR) released the following statement after the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced it is dismantling the Obama administration's overreaching Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule:

370. Collins applauds EPA rollback of water rules

Batavian, The (Batavia, NY) June 28, 2017 Word Count: 649

...the Trump Administration's decision to either rescind or revise the **Waters of The United States** (**WOTUS**) rule imposed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Obama...

...to lead the bipartisan effort in Congress to scrap the **WOTUS rule** and applaud President Trump and Administrator Pruitt for taking this...

Press release:

371. Farm leaders applauding withdrawal of WOTUS rule

Bismarck Tribune, The (ND) June 28, 2017 Word Count: 525

...Tribune B1 2017 WLNLR 19892739 Farm leaders applauding withdrawal of **WOTUS rule** Bismarck Tribune, The (ND) B 1...

...Agency has filed an official proposal to withdraw the controversial **Waters of the United States rule**. "This is good news. There has just been so much...

GRAND FORKS - Farm group leaders were predictably pleased Tuesday with the announcement that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has filed an official proposal to withdraw the controversial Waters of the United States rule."This is good news.

372. STATE JOINS PARTNERSHIP TO LIMIT FEDERAL WATERS RULE: POLITICS

Capital Times (Madison, WI) June 28, 2017 Word Count: 252

...overly broad in the bodies of water it includes. "The **WOTUS Rule** is unlawful ? and significantly impinges upon the States' traditional role...

Wisconsin Attorney General Brad Schimel is partnering with West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey in an effort to push back against federal environmental regulations they say infringe on states' authority.

373. EPA agrees to abandon Obama administration clean water action

cleveland.com (Cleveland, OH) June 28, 2017 Word Count: 310

...EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt said his agency will redraft the " **Waters of the United States** rule" in a way that will "return power to the states..."

June 28--WASHINGTON, D. C. -- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers announced Tuesday that they'll abandon an Obama administration clean water policy that critics said amounted to a "power grab" over private property

374. Ag Cheers EPA Reversal

Daily News-Record (Harrisonburg, VA) June 28, 2017 Word Count: 656

...leaders are heralding the Trump administration's rollback of the controversial **Waters of the United States rule**, a regulation forged under President Barack Obama that gave the...

HARRISONBURG - State agriculture leaders are heralding the Trump administration's rollback of the controversial Waters of the United States rule, a regulation forged under President Barack Obama that gave the Environmental Protection Agency broad

375. Rep. Ken Buck lauds Trump administration move to rewrite controversial Waters of the U.S. rule

Greeley Tribune (CO) June 28, 2017 Word Count: 225

...I applaud the administration's decision to roll back this overreaching **WOTUS rule**," the Windsor Republican said in a news release. "Farmers and...

...is encouraged by the Trump administration's plan to rewrite the **WOTUS rule**, and he encouraged the EPA to empower states and local...

June 28--Rep. Ken Buck, R-Colo., on Tuesday praised the Trump administration's proposal to repeal former President Barack Obama's Waters of the U.S. rule."I applaud the administration's decision to roll back this overreaching WOTUS rule," the

376. Pruitt brings hope of new era at EPA

Maryville Daily Forum, The (Maryville, MO) June 28, 2017 Word Count: 464

...and "ponds" formed after a heavy rain, under the controversial **Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule**. Had the rule been allowed to go into effect, it's...

...been directed to review and then rescind or revise the **WOTUS rule**. Missouri lawmakers have done what we can over the past...

During the eight years of the Obama administration, the Environmental Protection Agency ballooned into a massive, powerful federal bureaucracy that became increasingly intrusive and out-of-touch with the needs and economic realities of our rural

377. Kinzinger pleased EPA is rolling back Waters of the United States rules

NewsTribune (La Salle, IL) June 28, 2017 Word Count: 432

...B6 2017 WLNR 20064429 Kinzinger pleased EPA is rolling back **Waters of the United States rules** NewsTribune (La Salle, IL) B B6...

...2654 Word Count: 432 Kinzinger pleased EPA is rolling back **Waters of the United States rules** WASHINGTON -- U.S. Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R-Ill.) late Tuesday applauded...

Kinzinger pleased EPA is rolling back Waters of the United States rules

378. EPA clean-water rule to be eliminated

San Diego Union-Tribune June 28, 2017 Word Count: 371

...the EPA will act on the president's order. The current **rule**, known as **Waters of the United States (WOTUS)**, unambiguously gives the EPA and the Army Corps of...

...sought to end a decade of confusion by finalizing the **WOTUS rule**, which took effect in August 2015, triggering protests from a...

WASHINGTON

379. Water pollution rule to be repealed

Washington Post, The (Washington, D.C.) June 28, 2017 Word Count: 581

...States and imposes "numerous and costly obligations" on landowners. The **rule**, known as **Waters of the United States (WOTUS)**, unambiguously gives the EPA and the Army Corps of...

...sought to end a decade of confusion by finalizing the **WOTUS rule**, which took effect in August 2015, triggering protests from a...

Regulation gave the EPA authority over wetlands, 'intermittent' streamsPresident Trump's administration will revoke a rule that gives the Environmental Protection Agency broad authority over regulating the pollution of wetlands and tributaries that

380. EPA moves to kill Waters of the U.S. rule

Washington Times (DC) June 28, 2017 Word Count: 685

...has finally won in the battle over the Obama administration's **WOTUS rule**," House Speaker Paul D. Ryan said in a statement. " This...

The Trump administration Tuesday moved to rescind the controversial "Waters of the U.S." rule, an Obama-era regulation that gave Washington broad powers over streams and other small bodies of water across the country.

381. The Energy 202: Trump's latest energy push may run afoul of another big priority: Boosting manufacturingDomestic manufacturers fear that exporting too much natural gas will drive up energy prices at home and give a leg up to factories abroad.

WashingtonPost.com June 28, 2017 Word Count: 2560

...looking to repeal an Obama-era regulation known as the **Waters of the United States** or **WOTUS rule** that gives the EPA authority over regulating small waterways and...

...sought to end a decade of confusion by finalizing the **WOTUS rule**, which took effect in August 2015, triggering protests from a...

THE LIGHTBULB One of the ways President Trump is seeking to make the United States "energy dominant" is to open more ports to export natural gas to foreign markets.

382. 'Big day for freedom': Trump to trash Obama's outrageous water ruleOverreaching regulation 'controls whether a farmer can plow his own land'

WND (WorldNetDaily) June 28, 2017 Word Count: 659

...the beginning of a process that will roll back the **Waters of the United States rule**, a move that has champions of private-property rights cheering...

...the National Center for Public Policy Research. Smith said the **Waters of the United States rule**, or **WOTUS**, which was put forward during the Obama administration, was nothing...

President Trump made good on a major campaign promise Tuesday, as the Environmental Protection Agency announced the beginning of a process that will roll back the Waters of the United States rule, a move that has champions of private-property

383. Government regulation being thinnedSTATE

Woodford Times (Peoria, IL) June 28, 2017 Word Count: 492

...that. Unfortunately, the EPA under President Obama put forth the Waters of the United States rule, which would have reclassified many irrigation ditches and streams as...

There's an old saying that the only two certainties in life are death and taxes. If the past eight years are anything to go by, we should go ahead and add "government regulation" to that list.

384. Georgia attorney general applauds action to dismantle Waters of the U.S. rule

Albany Herald, The (Albany, GA) June 27, 2017 Word Count: 474

...action by the Environmental Protection Agency toward withdrawing its 2015 Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule. Officials with the EPA said Tuesday that it, the Department...

...U.S. waters. "This is a significant step in addressing the WOTUS Rule's sweeping assertion of authority, which unlawfully impinges on the state's...

ATLANTA - Georgia's attorney general, Chris Carr, on Tuesday applauded action by the Environmental Protection Agency toward withdrawing its 2015 Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule.

385. U.S. Rep. McSally Statement on WOTUS Repeal

Arizona Range News, The (Wilcox, AZ) June 27, 2017 Word Count: 247

...Corps of Engineers to propose a rule to repeal the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule and substantially redefine it to be consistent with Supreme Court...

...am pleased with the EPA's decision to repeal the harmful WOTUS rule-and I know that Americans across the country are relieved...

WASHINGTON, DC-U.S. Representative Martha McSally today released the following statement regarding the decision by the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers to propose a rule to repeal the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule and substantially

386. Farm groups cheer EPA move to roll back WOTUS

Capital Press (Salem, OR) June 27, 2017 Word Count: 932

...subject to an elevated level of regulatory overreach and the **WOTUS rule** as written would have only made the problem worse. "It...
...burden and provide certainty for our producers," he said. The **WOTUS rule** broadened EPA's jurisdiction to include such things as upstream waters...

EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers said on Tuesday they are proposing a rule to rescind the 2015 Clean Water Rule meant to define waters of the United States that are regulated under the Clean Water Act.

387. POLITICAL NOTEBOOK: Woodall, Hice cheer move to rescind 'Waters of the US' rule

Gwinnett Daily Post (Lawrenceville, GA) June 27, 2017 Word Count: 440

...residents who were anxiously watching the Environmental Protection Agency's controversial **Waters of the United States rule** may have let out a sigh of relief after the...
...Trump Administration and EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt to rescind the # **WOTUS rule**." House passes Woodall's veterans jobs opportunities bill Bipartisan legislation introduced...

Gwinnett County officials and residents who were anxiously watching the Environmental Protection Agency's controversial Waters of the United States rule may have let out a sigh of relief after the EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers announced

388. The Supreme Court's 2016-2017 term – 'the calm before the storm' The just-concluded Supreme Court term was a relatively quiet one, but don't expect that to continue.

WashingtonPost.com June 27, 2017 Word Count: 705

...of the Fourth Amendment to historical cell-site data, the "**waters of the United States**" (aka "**WOTUS**") **rule**, the Alien Tort Statute and mandatory employee arbitration, as well...

The Supreme Court's just-concluded term was relatively quiet and inconsequential, as far as Supreme Court terms go. With only eight justices for most of the term, the justices avoided taking on too many difficult cases and appeared to make an extra

389. Trump administration to propose repealing rule giving EPA broad authority over water pollution

WashingtonPost.com June 27, 2017 Word Count: 957

...the EPA will act on the president's order. The current **rule**, known as **Waters of the United States** (WOTUS), unambiguously gives EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers...

...sought to end a decade of confusion by finalizing the **WOTUS rule**, which took effect in August 2015, triggering protests from a...

President Trump's administration will revoke a rule that gives the Environmental Protection Agency broad authority over regulating the pollution of wetlands and tributaries that run into the nation's largest rivers, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt

390. ATTORNEY GENERAL: Morrisey joins coalition on water sources

Mineral Daily News-Tribune (Keyser, WV) June 22, 2017 Word Count: 359

...Monday as part of the EPA's ongoing review of its **Waters of the United States rule**. The attorneys general outlined regulatory overreach present in the existing...

...to better respect the authority of states going forward. "The **WOTUS Rule** is unlawful and significantly impinges upon the States' traditional role...

CHARLESTON - West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey, along with Wisconsin Attorney General Brad D. Schimel, led a 20-state coalition in requesting the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency preserve the role of the states in protecting the

391. Trump and the wine industry

Napa Valley Register (CA) June 22, 2017 Word Count: 755

...U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt to review the "**Waters of the United States**" **rule** and ask Attorney General Jeff Sessions to consider the review...

The wine business is facing a number of issues that could be significantly impacted by Trump administration priorities, including climate change, reduction in scientific research and possible government overreach.

392. AG: WOTUS review should respect Clean Water Act

Paragould Daily Press, The (Paragould, AR) June 22, 2017 Word Count: 263

...waters as part of the agency's ongoing review of its **Waters of the United States rule** as ordered by President Trump. A 20-state bipartisan comment...

...outlined what was described as regulatory overreach in the existing **rule**. "Properly defining **Waters of the United States** must be done in a way that respects the intent...

Daily Press Staff

393. County endorses executive order

Paragould Daily Press, The (Paragould, AR) June 22, 2017 Word Count: 562

...Donald Trump's executive order of Feb. 28, to make the "Waters of the United States Rule" conform to an opinion expressed by late Supreme Court Justice...

BY GARY EXELBY gexelby@paragoulddailypress.com

394. Dakota briefs

Bismarck Tribune, The (ND) June 21, 2017 Word Count: 779

...Agency' request for comments on its ongoing review of the Waters of the United States rule. "I have said from the beginning that the WOTUS Rule is unlawful and significantly impinges upon the states' authority as...

...for all of the waters in the state, and the WOTUS rule adds massive federal bureaucracy without doing anything to increase water protection." In 2015, Stenehjem successfully challenged the WOTUS rule's implementation in federal district court, blocking the rule from taking...

Coalition underscores states' actions in safeguarding water resourcesAttorney General Wayne Stenehjem joined a 20-state coalition in a letter filed Monday offering suggestions to the Environmental Protection Agency' request for comments on its

395. Stenehjem joins multi-state letter to EPA on WOTUS review

Devils Lake Journal (Devils Lake, ND) June 21, 2017 Word Count: 110

...EPA's outreach for comments on its ongoing review of the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule, the attorneys general offered suggestions on how the EPA can...

...Congress's instruction. "I have said from the beginning that the WOTUS Rule is unlawful and significantly impinges upon the States' authority as...

BISMARCK, ND - Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem joined a 20-state coalition in a letter asking the Environmental Protection Agency to preserve the States' role in protecting the nation's waters.

396. Bob Hemesath: Wants him to know Canada, Mexico are key ag markets

Gazette, The (Cedar Rapids, IA) June 21, 2017 Word Count: 218

...Protection Agency to review and either rescind or revise the " **Waters of the United States** " **rules**, which sought to include tributaries and bodies of water that...

CALMAR - Asked how Donald Trump's presidency is affecting agriculture, Bob Hemesath said he still is in wait-and-see mode.

397. Some in media remain bothered by Pruitt's relationship with energy industry

Oklahoman June 21, 2017 Word Count: 510

...states had to make to greenhouse gas emissions, and the **Waters of the United States rule**, which greatly expanded the EPA's control over bodies of water...

THE disdain that some in the media have for President Trump and members of his administration is evident regularly. Recent coverage related to EPA administrator Scott Pruitt provides an example of interest to locals because of Pruitt's Oklahoma

398. Albany Area News Roundup

Albany Herald, The (Albany, GA) June 20, 2017 Word Count: 679

...Georgia, like many other States, believes that the 2015 WOTUS (**Waters of the United States**) **Rule** is unlawful and that it would have significant consequences for...

City of Sylvester passes FY 2018 budget

399. Donald Trump ethics waivers flood swamp

Evening Sun (Hanover, PA) June 20, 2017 Word Count: 909

...House to participate in matters involving the Clean Power Plan, **Waters of the United States rule**, methane regulations and multiple other issues, all matters on which...

The Trump administration, under pressure from the Office of Government Ethics, is taking steps in the right direction by releasing ethics waivers for White House staff and Cabinet agency officials. But the breadth and nature of these waivers

400. Congress and Trump getting the job done

Valley Times-News, The (Lanett, AL) June 20, 2017 Word Count: 416

...regulations put in place by the Obama administration like the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule that went as far as naming puddles bodies of water...

WASHINGTON - There are some good things happening in Washington that most folks don't know about because the media elite just won't cover it.

401. Farmer seeks settlement in Clean Water Act case

Capital Press (Salem, OR) June 19, 2017 Word Count: 774

...U.S. Environmental Protection Agency administrator Scott Pruitt to review the " Waters of the United States" rule and ask Attorney General Jeff Sessions to consider the review...

SACRAMENTO - A California farmer is in settlement talks with officials of President Donald Trump's administration as a lawsuit to enforce \$2.8 million in fines against him is set to go to trial in August, his attorney said.

402. 'Puzzling' inaccuracies

Tribune-Review (PA) June 19, 2017 Word Count: 210

...and the Army Corps of Engineers to formally reconsider the Waters of the United States rule, which tramples landowner rights. The Washington Post and The Associated...

The letter "Western Pennsylvania's support of these Republicans is puzzling" (June 11 and TribLIVE) is loaded with inaccuracies. President Trump didn't try to ban Muslims. He attempted to temporarily restrict immigration from nations that harbor

403. My mom and Karen Pence's Victory Garden moment

Quad-City Times, The (Davenport, IA) June 18, 2017 Word Count: 801

...you can avoid getting into the weeds on GMOs or Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rules, you can usually have a pretty civil and enjoyable conversation...

James Comey was on the television, the straight-on shot of him, forearms on the table. Pundits were busy replaying, dissecting and parsing his testimony when my mom called and said, "Have you seen the news?"

404. The Energy 202: EPA's budget finds unexpected defenders in CongressRepublicans are worried about local programs.

WashingtonPost.com June 16, 2017 Word Count: 2040

...that the agency would publish a replacement to President Obama's "Waters of the United States" (WOTUS) rule by the beginning of 2018, at the latest. "We'll have...

THE LIGHTBULB The Environmental Protection Agency's budget found defenders in Congress. And they aren't from the party you might expect.

405. How Trump's EPA chief got caught up in farm fight in Sacramento

Sacramento Bee, The (CA) June 15, 2017 Word Count: 733

...of plants and animals. Former President Barack Obama expanded the WOTUS rule significantly in 2015, although the case against Duarte was already...

California farmer John Duarte, facing a hefty fine over water-law violations for plowing a field, wants to call in a big gun in his high-profile court case in Sacramento: Scott Pruitt, the administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

406. EDITORIAL: Trump should commute disabled Navy veteran's sentence

Gazette, The (Colorado Springs, CO) June 12, 2017 Word Count: 551

...grand jury indicted Robertson in 2015 for violations of the Waters of the United States rule, enacted at the insistence of then-President Barack Obama. The...

...the Army Corps of Engineers to "review and reconsider" the Waters of the United States rule. He had promised to eliminate it in a quest to...

June 12--As The Gazette's editorial board commits to veteran advocacy, we ask President Donald Trump to commute the prison sentence of Joseph David Robertson. It's a case of environmental regulation gone mad.Robertson came to our attention after

407. Nepotism back on quorum court agenda

Jonesboro Sun, The (Jonesboro, AR) June 11, 2017 Word Count: 823

...the definition of navigable waters in relation to the EPA Waters of the United States rule. The rule gave the EPA more leverage in regulation tributaries, defining them...

...the rule. President Donald Trump is trying to dissolve the Waters of the United States rule by using the Scalia definition. The petition Melton presents asks...

JONESBORO - The Craighead County Quorum Court's Public Service Committee plans to again discuss nepotism during the quorum court's 5:30 p.m. Monday meeting, but County Judge Ed Hill says any recommendations will likely fail.

408. 7 budget items that the NC House and Senate (mostly) agree on

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC) June 08, 2017 Word Count: 829

...Roy Cooper's administration withdrew from the legal challenge to the "Waters of the United States" rule, which expanded the number of small bodies of water that...

House and Senate leaders started budget negotiations this week, and one lawmaker reported a 15-hour day of talks Tuesday as the two chambers seek a deal in a matter of weeks. The fiscal year ends June 30, so a temporary budget – called a "continuing

409. commentary: Lawmakers applaud Paris decision

Mineral Daily News-Tribune (Keyser, WV) June 03, 2017 Word Count: 519

...his decision to reevaluate the EPA's Clean Power Plan and Waters of the United States rules, today's action further demonstrates that President Trump is standing with...

Congressman David McKinley

410. Farmers catching up for growing season

Daily American, The (Somerset, PA) May 31, 2017 Word Count: 712

...Obama administration. They include reviewing the "waters of the U.S." (WOTUS) rule and the Clean Power Plan. The EPA is also looking...

The planting season got off to a slow start with cold and wet conditions. Not just here but across the country.

411. House GOP seeks to put NC back into a lawsuit challenging Obama clean water regulations

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC) May 31, 2017 Word Count: 300

...other states in the lawsuit. The lawsuit stems from the "Waters of the United States" rule, which expanded the number of small bodies of water that...

Last month, Attorney General Josh Stein and Gov. Roy Cooper's administration withdrew North Carolina from a lawsuit challenging clean water regulations enacted under President Barack Obama. Republicans weren't happy about the move by the Democrats,

412. He plowed his field and got hit with a \$2.8 million fine. Will Trump rescind it?

Sacramento Bee, The (CA) May 31, 2017 Word Count: 1395

...Act known as the "Waters of the United States," or **WOTUS**. The **rule** is designed to protect "navigable" rivers and streams, but over...

John Duarte spent five years fighting the Obama administration's Justice Department over charges that he broke environmental laws by harming wetlands while planting a wheat crop on his Northern California farm. He lost his case, and faces a \$2.8

413. Duarte hopes Trump's order will ease harrowing experience against feds in court

Modesto Bee, The (CA) May 24, 2017 Word Count: 765

...signed an executive order in February to review President Obama's "**Waters of the United States**" **rule**, Hughson farmer John Duarte finally felt like the government's case...

...plow their lands under the Clean Water Act. But the **Waters of the United States** (**WOTUS**) **rule**, implemented by Obama in 2015, prohibits plowing below the clay...

When President Trump signed an executive order in February to review President Obama's "Waters of the United States" rule, Hughson farmer John Duarte finally felt like the government's case against him could be, well, plowed under. I wrote about

414. Livestock industry calls for relief from EPA regulations

Allied News (Grove City, PA) May 18, 2017 Word Count: 258

...sense." The organizations called on the agency to replace the **Waters of the United States** (**WOTUS**) **rule** with a rule that will clarify the extent of federal...

(Columbia)--The Missouri Cattlemen's Association and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association filed comments this week to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) calling for immediate action on several burdensome regulations the agency put

415. Roger Marshall's voting record not an improvement

Hutchinson News (Hutchinson, KS) May 17, 2017 Word Count: 134

...Parenthood, to fund Obamacare, and to fund the EPA's wacky **WOTUS rule**. GARY W. ROPER McPherson
opinion/letters_to_editor...

The recent congressional election in the 1st District, in which Roger Marshall was elected, featured many attacks against the then-Congressman Tim Huelskamp for voting against spending bills.

416. Op-Ed: EPA board dismissals don't bode well

Record-Eagle, The (Traverse City, MI) May 17, 2017 Word Count: 835

...that would dismantle the Clean Power Plan and rescind the **Waters of the United States rule**. Those actions have a direct effect on environmental quality and...

"The greatness of America is strengthened by science - it helps us lift people up, improve the human condition and build a better world."

417. EPA asked the public which regulations to gut – then got an earful about leaving them alone

Bellingham Herald (WA) May 16, 2017 Word Count: 1074

...or unlawful. Among them: the Clean Power Plan and the **Waters of the United States rule**, which sought to define what waterways the federal government could...

Last month, the Environmental Protection Agency put out a call for comments about what regulations are in need of repeal, replacement or modification. The effort stemmed from an executive order issued by President Donald Trump earlier this year

418. Boozman doesn't make ACU cut

Camden News (Camden, AR) May 16, 2017 Word Count: 700

...member vote for the resolution disapproving of the government-expanding **Waters of the United States rule**? Check! Did he or she oppose John King as secretary...

Poor John Boozman. This state's low-key and senior U.S. senator, a man of conservative values and background, an eye doctor and quiet gentleman who maybe could only be forced to anger by a Ted Cruz type, didn't make the cut. The American

419. Will Trump Be a Birdie or Bogey for the Golf Industry?The golfer-in-chief could help with tax and environmental policies, but critics will be watching for potential conflicts.

National Journal Daily May 16, 2017 Word Count: 959

...small bodies of water fall under federal regulatory jurisdiction. The **Waters of the United States rule** has broad business opposition, but is especially troublesome to golf...

President Trump has made golf a staple of his presidency; a trip to his own Trump National Golf Club in Sterling, Virginia on Sunday was the latest of his near-weekly golf-course visits. But as the owner of 17 golf courses, Trump offers more than

420. Congressional Review Act Gets a Workout

Roll Call (USA) May 15, 2017 Word Count: 1740

...and others have done digging of their own. Consider the **Waters of the United States**, a 2015 **rule** that redefined which streams and wetlands receive protection under the...

On May 11, Republicans in Congress had a little celebration for the end of more than a dozen Obama-era regulations, with member after member coming to the Senate floor heaping praise on a once-obscure law known as the Congressional Review Act. Sen.

421. Gianforte: My opinion on health care consistent

Bozeman Daily Chronicle (Bozeman, MT) May 13, 2017 Word Count: 846

...has signed so far - particularly the ones going after the **Waters of the United States rule** and the Clean Power Plan. He also said he supports...

After his political opponents questioned his position on a health care bill that passed the U.S. House, Republican House candidate Greg Gianforte said once more that he would not have voted for the bill because he didn't know what was in it.

422. TEASERS

Mineral Daily News-Tribune (Keyser, WV) May 12, 2017 Word Count: 341

...of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) for comment on the **Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rules**. 4B Sen. Manchin looking for 'Commonsense Connections' U.S. Senator Joe...

Top skybox 1 Attorneys say 8-year-old was bullied before killing himself 7B

423. WEST VIRGINIA: White House wants comments on WOTUS

Mineral Daily News-Tribune (Keyser, WV) May 12, 2017 Word Count: 356

...of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) for comment on the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rules. States have until June 19 to provide feedback to the...

...have seen dangerous overreach from our federal government under the WOTUS rules that have negatively affected our farmers. Allowing the states to...

CHARLESTON - The White House announced they sent letters to all 50 governors and the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) for comment on the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rules.

424. Fischer: Rollbacks remove regulatory burdens

Columbus Telegram (NE) May 10, 2017 Word Count: 640

...to identify and fight federal regulatory overreach such as the "Waters of the United States" rule and on-farm fuel storage requirements, to name just a...

As your U.S. senator, one of my top priorities is fighting burdensome federal regulations that are making life more difficult for you and your family. One of my first initiatives in 2013 was the "Rolling Back Regulations: Nebraskans Speak Out"

425. Trump's first 100 days rattled D.C.'s status quo

Kearney Hub (Kearney, NE) May 09, 2017 Word Count: 560

...federal power grab known as the Waters of the U.S. rule, or WOTUS. This rule would have given the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the power...

The first 100 days of any presidential administration are carefully analyzed as a barometer for future success. If the first 100 days of the Trump administration are any indication, there is much more shaking up the status quo to come.

426. NATION

Albany Herald, The (Albany, GA) May 07, 2017 Word Count: 467

...including litigation over the Obama-era Clean Power Plan and Waters of the United States rule. An official told CNN on Saturday that Pruitt is recusing...

Miss. River cresting in Ill., southern Mo.

427. Score cards!A Top 25 (hit) list

Arkansas Democrat Gazette (Little Rock, AR) May 07, 2017 Word Count: 830

...member vote for the resolution disapproving of the government-expanding **Waters of the United States rule**? Check! Did he or she oppose John King as secretary...

Poor John Boozman. This state's low-key and senior U.S. senator, a man of conservative values and background, an eye doctor and quiet gentleman who maybe could only be forced to anger by a Ted Cruz type, didn't make the cut. The American

428. Obama regulators weighed costs

Cleveland Plain Dealer May 07, 2017 Word Count: 901

...did not involve problems with an agency's cost analysis. The "**Waters of the United States rule**" was challenged over the reach of federal regulations on wetlands...

A reader pointed out an article that appeared April 27 in Bloomberg BNA with a provocative headline: "Obama Regulators Failed to Follow Law, OMB's Mulvaney Says." In it, White House budget director Mick Mulvaney said, "It is our position that the

429. The Promise: Iowa farmer who voted for Trump concerned about trade talk

Gazette, The (Cedar Rapids, IA) May 06, 2017 Word Count: 1565

...Quality One regulation he points to as burdensome is the "**Waters of the United States rule**", issued by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps...

...bodies had interpreted that term in widely varying ways. The **Waters of the United States rule** sought to clarify federal jurisdiction by including tributaries and bodies...

May 06--DECORAH -- All Bob Hemesath ever wanted to be was a farmer. He grew up on the northeast Iowa land that his great-grandfather, grandfather and father worked before him, and he never considered doing anything else.

430. Trump's first 100 days

Capital Press (Salem, OR) May 04, 2017 Word Count: 2116

...back to the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers the **Waters of the United States rule**. "It's a horrible, horrible rule. Has sort of a nice...

American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall says he recognizes how President Donald Trump works.

431. Defending Richland-Wilkin Counties

Daily News, The (Wahpeton, ND) May 04, 2017 Word Count: 493

...of all the watersheds in the United States. Although the **Waters of the United States Rule** concerned water quality and not flood control projects, at issue...

The state of Minnesota chose the nuclear option when it asked for a preliminary injunction to stop the Fargo-Moorhead Diversion Authority and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from building their project.

432. News Briefs From Around The Area

McDonough County Voice, The (IL) May 04, 2017 Word Count: 297

...administration also won praise for ordering a review of the "**Waters of the United States**" **rules**. However, tax reform and the 2018 rewrite of the federal...

Illinois farmers assess Trump administration ILLINOIS - Leaders of major Illinois farm groups say the first 100 days of the President Donald Trump administration have been encouraging, despite red flags on issues such as trade, immigration and

433. Illinois farmers assess Trump administration

Star-Courier (Kewanee, IL) May 04, 2017 Word Count: 152

...administration also won praise for ordering a review of the "**Waters of the United States**" **rules**. However, tax reform and the 2018 rewrite of the federal...

SPRINGFIELD - Leaders of major Illinois farm groups say the first 100 days of the President Donald Trump administration have been encouraging, despite red flags on issues such as trade, immigration and federal budget cuts.

434. Remarkable 100 days of regulatory reform

Jackson Sun, The (Jackson, TN) May 02, 2017 Word Count: 1014

...order, the EPA is moving to reverse the so-called **Waters of the United States rule** that expanded federal jurisdiction over nearly every drop of moisture...

President Trump was elected to reverse the massive regulatory power grabs of the Obama administration and, in the words of chief strategist Steve Bannon, to deconstruct the administrative state. Success would mark the

reversal of a century-long

435. GUEST COLUMN: What EPA head Scott Pruitt will mean for farmers

Enid News & Eagle (Enid, OK) May 01, 2017 Word Count: 563

...attorney general Pruitt sued the EPA over the agency's controversial **Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule**. EPA's jurisdiction had primarily been limited to navigable waters. But...

The appointment of former Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt as the head of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was met with predictable cheers from energy entrepreneurs and jeers from some environmental advocacy groups. Much less

436. Defying norms, president set nation on a new course

Boston Globe (MA) April 30, 2017 Word Count: 670

...directing the EPA to begin limiting the scope of the **Waters of the United States rule**, an Obama-era regulation intended to protect rivers, streams, and...

WASHINGTON — While President Trump's attention-grabbing statements and actions have produced very few of the concrete policy changes he promised as a candidate, there is little doubt that Trump has moved to set the nation on a radically different

437. The making of a legacy: first steps in a new era

Cleveland Plain Dealer April 30, 2017 Word Count: 1579

...directing the EPA to begin limiting the scope of the **Waters of the United States rule**, an Obama-era regulation intended to protect rivers, streams and...

Washington - President Donald Trump has presided over an extraordinary first 100 days in office marked by the aggressive use of executive power and a freewheeling leadership style, shattering the norms of the presidency and the traditions of

438. 100 days

Springfield State Journal-Register, The April 30, 2017 Word Count: 718

...from agricultural groups for ordering a review of so-called "**Waters of the United States rules**" implemented by the Obama administration. Farm groups lobbied hard for...

Leaders of major Illinois farm groups say the first 100 days of the Trump administration have been encouraging, despite red flags on issues such as trade, immigration and federal budget cuts.

439. Illinois farm groups assessing Trump administration

Springfield State Journal-Register, The April 30, 2017 Word Count: 886

...from agricultural groups for ordering a review of so-called "**Waters of the United States**" **rules** implemented by the Obama administration. Farm groups lobbied hard for...

April 30--Leaders of major Illinois farm groups say the first 100 days of the Trump administration have been encouraging, despite red flags on issues such as trade, immigration and federal budget cuts. In the space of three days last week, Illinois

440. Trump blasts 'fake' media for failing to state 'our long list of achievements' on his 100th day in office

Daily Mail Online (UK) April 29, 2017 Word Count: 403

...Rule of Law, Federalism, and Economic Growth by Reviewing the "**Waters of the United States**" **Rule**: This was another rollback on an Obama-era environmental regulation...

President Donald Trump isn't happy with news outlets for being critical his first 100 days in office. The president tweeted hours before the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania rally Saturday: 'Mainstream (FAKE) media refuses to state our long list of

441. First 100 days were remarkable on regulatory reform

Enquirer-Journal, The (Monroe, NC) April 28, 2017 Word Count: 692

...order, the EPA is moving to reverse the so-called **Waters of the United States rule** that expanded federal jurisdiction over nearly every drop of moisture...

President Trump was elected to reverse the massive regulatory power grabs of the Obama administration and, in the words of chief strategist Steve Bannon, to deconstruct the administrative state.

442. A good start

Tribune-Review (PA) April 28, 2017 Word Count: 219

...federal slipknot. Another intrusion since neutered is the Obama administration's " **Waters of the United States** rule, an Environmental Protection Agency monstrosity that would have subjected every...

Among accomplishments made by the Trump administration in its first "100 days" that likely won't make the evening news are regulatory reforms, which to date have saved taxpayers more than \$86 billion. That's the conclusion of a new report by the

443. Guest speaker says Trump cuts for lakes likely to face resistance

Blade, The (Toledo, OH) April 27, 2017 Word Count: 769

...are written. Mr. Trump's high-profile efforts to repeal the **Waters of the United States rule**, which applies to wetlands, and the Clean Power Plan, which...

April 27--DETROIT -- A former U.S. Environmental Protection Agency litigator told those attending a major Great Lakes symposium here Wednesday that it's unlikely President Trump's proposals on environmental programs will amount to much in the

444. How do Ohio's Congress members rate Donald Trump's first 100 days?

cleveland.com (Cleveland, OH) April 27, 2017 Word Count: 2440

...to our country. "President Trump's decision to rescind Obama's damaging ' **Waters of the United States** rule was a much needed first step to restore the balance...

April 27--WASHINGTON D.C. -- What grade would you give Donald Trump as he approaches his 100th day in office Saturday? It's no surprise that many Democratic Congress members from Ohio give the polarizing president an F on a report card. And many

445. Trump's first 100 days bring relief for farmers

Des Moines Register, The (Des Moines, IA) April 27, 2017 Word Count: 529

...would like to see jettisoned are the Farmer Fair Practices **Rules** and the **Waters of the United States Rule**. If finalized, both regulations could increase the cost of producing...

Saturday will be President Donald Trump's 100th day in office, and pundits already are grading the chief executive on his accomplishments over that period. One area in which he has had success is regulatory reform — something welcomed by America's

446. Trump urged to back Paris dealDuPont, 12 other major companies want US to support climate change pact, alternative energy

News Journal, The (Wilmington, DE) April 27, 2017 Word Count: 963

...Environment and Public Works Committee on proposed changes to the **Waters of the United States rule**. The **rule** guides federal regulation in wetlands and has been a sore...

...issues go beyond state boundaries, he said. He said the **Waters of the United States rule** says one thing while the Clean Water Act says another...

DuPont and a dozen other major U.S. companies urged President Donald Trump on Wednesday to stay in the Paris Climate Agreement, arguing that it will help them manage climate risks and stay competitive in the global alternative energy market.The

447. Trump, Pruitt regulatory agenda at EPA attracts legal attention

Oklahoman April 27, 2017 Word Count: 882

...and gas operators and continued to defend the so-called **Waters of the United States**, or **WOTUS rule**. "Had Hillary Clinton won, I think you would have seen...

The deregulatory agenda for energy and environmental rules by the Trump administration and the Environmental Protection Agency will likely end up in a familiar place: court.That was the message at a recent legal seminar hosted by the Oklahoma City

448. Signs of progress in Trump's first 100 days

Picayune Item, The (Picayune, MS) April 27, 2017 Word Count: 569

...the Obama Administration's so-called "Clean Power Plan" and the "**Waters of the United States rule**" - both costly and intrusive examples of bureaucratic power. Congress has...

By U.S. Senator Roger Wicker

449. FULL TEXT: Trump's Promoting Agriculture and Rural Prosperity order

Palm Beach Post, The (FL) April 25, 2017 Word Count: 1302

...Rule of Law, Federalism, and Economic Growth by Reviewing the "**Waters of the United States Rule**", and Executive Order 13783 of March 28, 2017 (Promoting Energy...

April 25--President Donald Trump on Tuesday signed a new executive order titled, "Promoting Agriculture and Rural Prosperity in America."According to the executive order's text, it directs newly confirmed Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue to lead

450. Undoing the Obama Legacy of Government Knows Best Our Opinion

Capital Journal (Pierre, SD) April 24, 2017 Word Count: 573

...put a halt to the overreaching Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule, requiring the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Army Corps to review the WOTUS rule to make certain it promotes economic growth and minimizes regulatory...

It has been three months since President Trump took office with a Republican-led Congress in place ready to help him advance policies that grow our economy and allow hardworking Americans to keep more of their paycheck each month. Almost

451. Senator criticizes EPA watchdog after it clears What's Upstream

Capital Press (Salem, OR) April 24, 2017 Word Count: 817

...What's Upstream and EPA's illegal campaign to promote the new Waters of the United States rule. The Government Accountability Office in 2015 found the EPA guilty...

The What's Upstream advocacy campaign was a proper use of Environmental Protection Agency funds, according to an audit released Monday, a finding that frustrated farm group leaders and a U.S. senator who requested the investigation.

452. Outlook: Shutdown Deadline Looms Congress has only a few days to decide whether to fund Obamacare, the border wall, and the federal government.

National Journal Daily April 24, 2017 Word Count: 1123

...Clean Water Act authority with a hearing Wednesday on the Waters of the United States rule. The hearing in the Environment and Public Works Committee comes...

After a two-week recess, Congress comes back to the Capitol with only days to spare before the deadline to fund the federal government. The usual partisan debates persist over how to fund defense and domestic programs, and the Trump administration

453. Will we reverse the little progress we've made on environmental justice?

Vincennes Sun-Commercial (Vincennes, IN) April 23, 2017 Word Count: 1026

...profile regulations, such as the Clean Power Plan and the Waters of the United States rule. Early indications are that policy retrenchment will run deep, as...

The Flint water crisis was perhaps the most high-profile example of the social inequalities tied to environmental issues. But it is hardly the first.

454. All for Mother Earth:Frog Bridge site for Earth Day protest

Chronicle, The (Willimantic, CT) April 22, 2017 Word Count: 698

...Trump recently signed an executive order designed to dismantle the **Waters of the United States rule**, also known as the Clean Water Rule, which was issued...

Chronicle Staff Writer

455. Happy Earth Day! Here Are All The Terrible Things Donald Trump Has Done So Far.

Huffington Post April 21, 2017 Word Count: 1976

...The president signed an executive order aimed at dismantling the **Waters of the United States rule**, also known as WOTUS or the Clean Water Rule. Trump instructed...

President Donald Trump gave many signals on the campaign trail that his presidency would be a disaster for the environment. He called global warming a "hoax" and "bullshit," vowed to dismantle the Environmental Protection Agency, and undo

456. ATTORNEY GENERAL: Victories require continued vigilance

Mineral Daily News-Tribune (Keyser, WV) April 20, 2017 Word Count: 570

...those who depend upon coal's future. We also stopped the **Waters of the United States rule** that gave the federal government unprecedented control over small streams...

Over the past few months, West Virginia has experienced a tremendous amount of success in beating back years of federal overreach that have devastated many in our state.

457. EPA head promotes coal at Thomas Hill power plant event

Moberly Monitor-Index and Democrat (Moberly, MO) April 20, 2017 Word Count: 898

...critics claim these regulations are examples of government overreach. The **Waters of the United States rule** - the target of a recent Trump executive order - was also...

...his support for Trump's order for review of the 2015 **WOTUS rule**, which defines which bodies of water are under federal authority...

CLIFTON HILL, Mo. - Flanked by Missouri politicians and energy officials, the nation's top environmental official stepped up to the podium outside the Thomas Hill Energy Center in Clifton Hill, Missouri, Thursday morning ready to make clear the new

458. EPA Administrator Pruitt to speak at Thomas Hill

Moberly Monitor-Index and Democrat (Moberly, MO) April 18, 2017 Word Count: 425

...Trump's executive order that directs the agency to review the **Waters of the United States rule**, which was issued in 2015. The **WOTUS rule** defines which bodies of water are under the authority of...

CLIFTON HILL, Mo. - The top environmental official in the United States, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt, is set to speak at Thomas Hill Energy Center in Clifton Hill, Missouri, later this week.

459. 'EPA Originalism'

New York Post April 17, 2017 Word Count: 168

...all-pain, trivial-gain Clean Power Plan and the overreaching "**Waters of the United States**" **rule** that claimed the right to regulate even puddles. Instead, the...

Scott Pruitt, the new head of the federal Environmental Protection Agency, dropped by The Post last week to discuss his priorities - some of which might surprise his critics. Yes, Pruitt, like the president who appointed him, is determined to end

460. Dayton Power And Light Should Keep The Lights On By Saving Coal Plants Dayton Power and Light (DPL) has announced it proposes to close two coal-fired power plants and invest in additional wind and solar power generatio...A coal-fired plant in Ohio. Dayton Power And Light, an Ohio-based utility, wants to close its coal-fired plants. But alternatives are expensive, an...

Investor's Business Daily April 14, 2017 Word Count: 875

...expensive regulations on the coal industry, the Environmental Protection Agency's **Waters of the United States rule**, and has stated his support for scrapping the Clean Power...

Dayton Power and Light (DPL) has announced it proposes to close two coal-fired power plants and invest in additional wind and solar power generation. The proposal is subject to the approval of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) and was

461. Bill aims to sync waterways rules, perplexes many at House hearing

Springfield News-Leader (Springfield, MO) April 13, 2017 Word Count: 703

...Environmental Protection Agency, the Army Corps of Engineers and the **Waters of the United States Rule**, which has been targeted for repeal by President Donald Trump...

JEFFERSON CITY — Like tree trunks and root wads clogging an Ozarks stream, questions and confusion threatened to upset a proposal to align Missouri's waterway statutes with recent court rulings. Rep. Robert Ross' House Bill 556 bundles current case

462. Thanks to Trump, regulatory relief finally a reality for Kentucky

Anderson News (Lawrenceburg, KY) April 12, 2017 Word Count: 714

...a review and reconsideration of the Waters of the U.S. (**WOTUS**) Rule, which has been a top priority for both the coal...
...on the Obama administration EPA and Army Corps of Engineers' **WOTUS rule** because it significantly expanded the definition of waters in the...

From my first days representing Kentucky in the U.S. Senate, I pledged to fight back against the Obama administration's war on Kentucky coal, which imposed suffocating regulations on our hardworking miners and their families.

463. Salinans ask Marshall to hold town hall meeting

Salina Journal (KS) April 11, 2017 Word Count: 754

...the land than government regulators. He cited the Obama administration's **Waters of the United States rule** as an example of government overreach. "It's not that the..."

First District Congressman Roger Marshall's recently announced listening tour, which starts Wednesday during a two-week congressional recess, does not include a stop in Salina, and 15 people calling themselves the Salina Resistance visited his

464. U.S. Chamber praises Trump's executive order

Daily Pak Banker (Pakistan) April 07, 2017 Word Count: 231

...to reconsider a 2015 regulation often referred to as the " **Waters of the United States** " (**WOTUS**) rule. It said, "The 2015 **Waters of the United States rule** was essentially a federal land grab. America's businesses, farmers...
...legislation like the Regulatory Accountability Act becomes law, poorly written **rules** like **WOTUS** would be subject to greater analysis and transparency. We urge..."

WASHINGTON, D.C: A statement was issued U.S. Chamber of Commerce Senior Vice President of

Environment, Technology, & Regulatory Affairs William Kovacs after President Trump signed an executive order instructing the Environmental Protection Agency

465. Rolling back WOTUS

Hays Daily News (Hays, KS) April 06, 2017 Word Count: 163

...managers, cities, counties, states, and farmers and ranchers knew the **WOTUS rule** was a federal land grab, aimed at telling farmers, ranchers...

President Donald Trump's recent executive order to roll back the Waters of the U.S. rule, and Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Pruitt's effort to withdraw the rule, is welcome to not just farmers and ranchers across the country, but to

466. Limited government is important

Washington Times (DC) April 03, 2017 Word Count: 934

...order to force reconsideration of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) **Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule**, which would have greatly expanded the federal government's control over...

Fewer than 70 days into the new administration and some in the media are already writing and talking about the "do-nothing" Congress and presidential administration, which critics allege have yet to accomplish anything significant.

467. Trump takes aim at water rules

Columbian (Vancouver, WA) April 01, 2017 Word Count: 609

...order directing the Environmental Protection Agency to dismantle the 2015 **Waters of the United States rule**, a measure that brought a scientific approach controlling aquatic pollution...

...Rule of Law, Federalism, and Economic Growth by Reviewing the ' **Waters of the United States' Rule** " starts the process of reviewing and likely replacing it with...

A handful of birds create a serene scene as they rest on pilings in Burnt Bridge Creek along Fruit Valley Road on Monday morning, Jan. 23, 2017. (Amanda Cowan/The Columbian)Local environmental groups worry that a recent order by President Donald

468. The art of writing

Daily Sparks Tribune, The (Sparks, NV) April 01, 2017 Word Count: 870

...the Army Corps of Engineers to review the so-called waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule created under the Obama administration, which attempted to usurp every...

Wishelle Banks, a UNR journalism student of mine in the mid-1980s, reminded me recently of Craig Vetter's advice on teaching writing. His thesis:

469. Block funding for WOTUS rule

McPherson Sentinel (McPherson, KS) April 01, 2017 Word Count: 649

...Sentinel (McPherson, Kan.) A4 2017 WLNR 10449985 Block funding for WOTUS rule McPherson Sentinel (McPherson, KS) Opinions A4...

...Army Corps of Engineers from using appropriated funds for the " Waters of the United States" rule, or any substantially similar rule. "The WOTUS rule is one of the most egregious rules of the Obama...

Reps. Roger Marshall (KS-01), Paul Gosar (AZ-04) and Ted Yoho (FL-03) announced the submission of an appropriations language request to the House Appropriations Committee to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of

470. US can have viable coal industry

Charleston Gazette-Mail (Charleston, WV) March 31, 2017 Word Count: 700

...though. He's also taken a hard look at the EPA's Waters of the United States rule (WOTUS), which he described as "horrible, horrible. It's an apt summary...

New administration dismantling the regulatory overkill of Team ObamaYes, President Donald Trump throws a lot of punches via his ever-present Twitter account.But he's landed some good jabs lately against critics of America's coal industry. And while

471. Despite opposition, Marshall supports changes in health care

Salina Journal (KS) March 31, 2017 Word Count: 821

...Army Corps of Engineers from using appropriated funds for the " Waters of the United States" rule, or any substantially similar rule. He said Friday in Salina...

March 31--In his travels across Kansas during his first few months as congressman for Kansas' 1st District, Roger Marshall, R-Kansas, has heard strong opposition to some of his views -- especially concerning health care.He expects to hear more of

472. epa comments: Manchin, Capito praise executive order

Mineral Daily News-Tribune (Keyser, WV) March 30, 2017 Word Count: 513

...order that began the process of reversing President Obama's misguided waters of the United States rule. EPA comments WHERE NEEDED Americas GEOAMER 1AM92 North America GEONAMR...

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) issued the following statement on the energy executive order President Trump signed Tuesday.

473. Trump order to revive coal industry evokes praise, skepticism

Daily Item, The (Sunbury, PA) March 29, 2017 Word Count: 1299

...the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers to review a rule that redefined "waters of the United States" protected under the Clean Water Act to include smaller creeks...

March 29--Declaring "the start of a new era" in energy production, President Donald Trump signed an executive order Tuesday that he said would revive the coal industry and create jobs. The order makes good on Trump's campaign pledge to unravel

474. Trump tosses Obama's 'clean' energy plan, embraces coal

Oklahoman March 29, 2017 Word Count: 1024

...the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers to review a rule that redefined "waters of the United States" protected under the Clean Water Act to include smaller creeks...

WASHINGTON - Declaring "the start of a new era" in energy production, President Donald Trump signed an executive order Tuesday that he said would revive the coal industry and create jobs. The move makes good on his campaign pledge to unravel former

475. Smith column 3-28

Star-Herald (Scottsbluff, NE) March 29, 2017 Word Count: 603

...the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) dangerous Waters of the U.S. rule, or WOTUS. Nebraska producers are committed stewards of our natural resources and...

Ensuring a Strong Future for Agriculture

476. Trump set to unravel anti-global warming projects

Camden News (Camden, AR) March 28, 2017 Word Count: 766

...the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers to review a rule that redefined "waters of the United States" protected under the Clean Water Act to include smaller creeks...

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Donald Trump is expected to sign an executive order today aimed at moving forward on his campaign pledge to unravel former President Barack Obama's plan to curb global warming.

477. The War on Coal is over! President Trump signs executive order to roll back Obama-era environmental regulations

Daily Mail Online (UK) March 28, 2017 Word Count: 1715

...the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers to review a rule that redefined 'waters of the United States' protected under the Clean Water Act to include smaller creeks...

President Trump announced today that the 'War on Coal' was over, signing an executive order rolling back Obama-era regulations that curbed U.S. carbon emissions. 'This is what this is all about,' Trump said today at the Environmental Protection

478. President Trump to decisively wipe out Obama's climate-change record with sweeping order on the environment

Daily Mail Online (UK) March 28, 2017 Word Count: 915

...the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers to review a rule that redefined 'waters of the United States' protected under the Clean Water Act to include smaller creeks...

President Donald Trump will sign an executive order Tuesday that will undo his predecessor's attempts to reduce US carbon emissions. As part of the roll-back, Trump will initiate a review of the Clean Power Plan, which restricts greenhouse gas

479. Farm Leader: Mark Pflugmacher

News-Gazette, The (Champaign-Urbana, IL) March 28, 2017 Word Count: 2090

...regulations that are seen as overly burdensome, such as the Waters of the United States rule. "We gotta work hand-in-hand (with municipalities) to make...

March 28--Follow us on Instagram hereMark Pflugmacher likes to have fun while farming. While in the tractor, he'll record videos of himself singing and dancing to songs he likes and send them to his wife Kristi, who also farms.

480. Donald Trump Is About To Undo Obama's Legacy On Climate Change

Huffington Post March 27, 2017 Word Count: 1630

...EPA and Army Corps of Engineers to overhaul the 2015 **Waters of the United States rule**, which expanded federal control over wetlands and other waterways by...

President Donald Trump plans to sign an executive order on Tuesday rolling back Obama-era policies to curb planet-warming greenhouse gas emissions, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt said Sunday. In an interview on ABC's "This

481. New era of empowerment good for N.D.

Bismarck Tribune, The (ND) March 26, 2017 Word Count: 594

...Washington was threatening farmers and producers with regulations like the **Waters of the United States rule's** attempt to regulate every puddle on every farm. Coal producers...

...in recent history. Through executive orders, Trump has stopped the **WOTUS rule** and initiated the administrative rollback of the Dodd-Frank law...

When I came to Congress four years ago as North Dakota's only member in the House of Representatives, it was clear right away our state had something many others didn't. We had a robust economy and the fastest growing population in the nation

482. Under siege

Columbus Dispatch (OH) March 26, 2017 Word Count: 338

...has directed EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt to undo a 2015 **rule**, "**Waters of the United States**," a Clean Air Act offshoot that has been tangled up...

The Trump administration has argued that environmental regulations and permitting requirements are part of a "war on coal." The president has vowed to roll back some of those regulations: Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act

483. Change in Waters of the U.S. Act met with relief

Jacksonville Journal-Courier (IL) March 26, 2017 Word Count: 545

...of the United States. The definitions for the "Clean Water Rule: Definition of 'Waters of the United States' rolled out May 27, 2015, and consisted of 197 pages...

...U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to rescind or revise the Waters of the United States rules and regulations. The order directs the agencies to define what...

March 26--Many agricultural organizations are expressing relief at an executive order by President Donald Trump to rescind the Clean Water Act, known as the Waters of the United States. The definitions for the "Clean Water Rule: Definition of

484. OP-ED: A new rule defining 'waters of the United States'

Daily Journal of Commerce (Portland, OR) March 24, 2017 Word Count: 1010

...Pg. Unavail. Online) 2017 WLNR 9758351 OP-ED: A new rule defining 'waters of the United States' Peter Mohr Daily Journal of Commerce (Portland, OR)...

...States. When the administration may issue a revised or new WOTUS rule is anybody's guess. For the fate of the existing 2015...

On Feb. 28, President Trump signed an executive order directing the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to rescind or revise the administrative rule issued by the Obama administration in 2015 that

485. WOTUS action a step in right direction

Kearney Hub (Kearney, NE) March 24, 2017 Word Count: 372

...the Environmental Protection Agency to reconsider the Obama Administration's controversial "Waters of the United States" rule. Water is Nebraska's most valuable natural resource, and we are...

...well water before sending it to our taps. But Obama's WOTUS rule had the potential to make a federal case out of...

On the 150th anniversary of a state named after a Native American term for "flat water," Nebraska leaders are celebrating President Trump's move to direct the Environmental Protection Agency to reconsider the Obama Administration's controversial

486. Oklahoma attorney: Pruitt not locked into agenda as EPA director

Tulsa World March 23, 2017 Word Count: 556

...instructing the EPA to more closely review a clean water **rule** known as **Waters of the United States**. The president's order did not tell the EPA what to...

Editor's note: An earlier version of this story incorrectly stated Don Shandy was on the Environmental Defense Fund. The story has been corrected.

487. In the war on science, the EPA is the first casualtyANOTHER PERSPECTIVE

Crookston Daily Times (Crookston, MN) March 22, 2017 Word Count: 477

...American-made cars and trucks; and abandoning the Obama administration's **Waters of the United States rule**. It's settled science that what goes into a small stream...

Scott Pruitt, the new administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, recently touched off the most easily predicted firestorm in agency history when he announced on CNBC that he does not believe carbon dioxide is a primary contributor to

488. Other Views: Trump corporate tax cut must be paired with reforms

Arizona Daily Sun, The (Flagstaff) March 21, 2017 Word Count: 1821

...American-made cars and trucks; and abandoning the Obama administration's **Waters of the United States rule**. It's settled science that what goes into a small stream...

The following editorial appeared in The San Diego Union-Tribune on Monday, March 13:

489. WOTUS changes flow forwardMARION COUNTY

Hannibal Courier-Post, The (Hannibal, MO) March 21, 2017 Word Count: 145

...Protection Agency (EPA) prepared to pull back regulations within the **Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule** or rescind the measure altogether. WOTUS is part of the...

Following Presidential order, Waters of the U.S. rule changes could benefit local farmers

490. Iowa, national farm groups praise WOTUS review

Globe Gazette (Mason City, IA) March 20, 2017 Word Count: 438

...an executive order to begin the process of rescinding the **Waters of the United States, or WOTUS, rule**. The order, signed at the White House Feb. 28, instructs...

...Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers to review a **rule** that redefined "**waters of the United States**" protected

under the Clean Water Act to include smaller creeks...

Most farm groups cheered when President Donald Trump signed an executive order to begin the process of rescinding the Waters of the United States, or WOTUS, rule.

491. Local farmers relieved by new order regarding the Clean Water ActEPA to review and revise rule Trump called a 'power grab'

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, MI) March 19, 2017 Word Count: 782

...lake or stream, according to the farm bureau. But the **WOTUS rule** would expand those regulated areas to include "tributaries" and any...

"This rule has never been about clean water; it's always been about control."laura campbell

492. Sen. Inhofe spills beans on real goal of EPA'It's not about the environment'

WND (WorldNetDaily) March 19, 2017 Word Count: 1205

...already has taken the first step toward killing the controversial "**waters of the United States**" (a.k.a. **WOTUS rule**), the Obama administration's landmark orders that give EPA regulatory authority...

WASHINGTON - President Trump is right to use his first federal budget to gut the Environmental Protection Agency and eradicate the cornerstones of Obama's climate change strategy, says U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe, R-Okla., because the EPA is being used as

493. Putting the REINS on the red tape

Courier, The (Findlay, OH) March 18, 2017 Word Count: 723

...we're already addressing the ill-considered Waters of the U.S. (**WOTUS rule**) that would be devastating to the agricultural community. The **WOTUS rule** would essentially require a federal permit for ponds, ditches, and...

...an Executive Order to begin the process of stopping this **WOTUS rule**, and I'm confident that Congress will work with the President...

While much has been written of the Obama presidency, perhaps the biggest legacy of the recently completed administration is a dubious one - a massive expansion of our federal regulatory system.

494. Pennsylvania farmers visit nation's capital to discuss critical issues impacting agriculture with Pa.'s Congressional Delegation

Farmer's Friend, The (Towanda, PA) March 17, 2017 Word Count: 514

...practice occurred during the public comment period of the controversial **Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule**. After a thorough review, the U.S. Government Accountability Office determined...

More than 150 members of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB) traveled to Washington D.C. seeking support from Pennsylvania's Congressional Delegation on critical issues impacting agriculture. The farmers met with lawmakers and legislative staff to

495. Obstructionism: left's raison d'être

Valdosta Daily Times, The (GA) March 17, 2017 Word Count: 587

...calls for a more sane immigration policy, reverses the infamous "**Waters of the United States rule**", and initiates regulatory reform. He's also plowing ahead on a...

Attorney General Jeff Sessions recently requested that the remaining 46 U.S. Attorneys appointed by former President Obama submit their resignations. It's simply a house-cleaning measure as 47 of the 93 U.S. Attorneys have already vacated their

496. Questions and answers with Sen. Joni Ernst

Clarinda Herald-Journal (Clarinda, IA) March 16, 2017 Word Count: 712

...importance to Iowa, namely the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), the **Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule**, and the wind energy industry. Mr. Pruitt demonstrated a thorough...

QUESTION: What do you think about President Trump's nominee for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States,, Neil Gorsuch?

497. Lift heavy hand of regulations

USA Today (USA) March 16, 2017 Word Count: 341

...signed an executive order instructing EPA to roll back the **Waters of the United States rule**. Repealing the rule provides crucial relief for farmers, ranchers and...

For the eight years of the Obama administration, the American economy suffered under the effects of heavy-handed regulations. These rules are costing our economy \$2 trillion per year, and now as a result nearly every industry in the country is on

498. Donald Trump's Agriculture Pick Has Some Serious Ethics Issues, Too

Huffington Post March 15, 2017 Word Count: 950

...from the administration's push to dismantle the Environmental Protection Agency's **Waters of the United States rule**, also known as the Clean Water Rule. Perdue owns a...

Former Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue, nominee for agriculture secretary, has long been considered one of President Donald Trump's safe and uncontroversial Cabinet appointments in what has generally been a contentious process. But thanks to a series of

499. Farmers lobby Rep. Bill Shuster on immigration

Public Opinion (Chambersburg, PA) March 15, 2017 Word Count: 506

...practice occurred during the public comment period of the controversial **Waters of the United States rule**. After a thorough review, the U.S. Government Accountability Office determined...

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Marlin Lynch, president of the Fulton County Farm Bureau, and more than 150 members of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau met with lawmakers on March 1 and 2 to discuss issues affecting agriculture. "Immigration reform is the one that

500. Seneca County farmers don't like Obama water rule: Ohio Matters

cleveland.com (Cleveland, OH) March 14, 2017 Word Count: 536

...block the rule. President Barack Obama enacted the Clean Water **Rule**: "**Waters of the United States**" Definition in 2015 to help clarify which waterways fell under...

March 14--CLEVELAND, Ohio -- Roger Lange stood outside his Seneca County farm, and pointed to a ditch across the road. He said the Obama administration attempted to regulate ditches like that under the Clean Water Act, even if they were bone dry

501. The conflicted presidency Financial conflicts abound when the orbits of the highest office and the family business overlap.

Los Angeles Times March 14, 2017 Word Count: 721

...Environmental Protection Agency targeted for repeal is known as the **Waters of the United States rule**. That **rule** put costly restrictions on runoff from, you guessed it, golf...

Donald Trump ran for office as a candidate so deeply enmeshed in his family business that just about any remedy short of selling the Trump Organization would lead to conflicts of interest for his presidency. Two months later, that's exactly what

502. Marshall meets with Kansans on health, ag

McPherson Sentinel (McPherson, KS) March 14, 2017 Word Count: 1448

...conserving that aquifer and waste less." Conversely, regulation like the **Waters of the United States rule**, which is part of the Clean Water Rule, makes production...

Kansas First District Rep.

503. State AG, officials vow to fight Clean Water Act rollback

Register-Star (Hudson, NY) March 14, 2017 Word Count: 786

...eliminating the rule, Trump said. The regulation, known as the **Waters of the United States Rule**, was signed by Obama in 2015 and issued under the...

President Donald Trump's executive order aimed at rolling back one of former President Barack Obama's major environmental regulations to protect U.S. rivers has sparked outrage from the New York State Attorney General.

504. Trump sends WOTUS back for review

East Oregonian (Pendleton, OR) March 13, 2017 Word Count: 450

...to make good on a campaign promise to dump the "**waters of the United States rule**." Earlier this month Trump signed an executive order calling for...

...bodies of water that have a "significant nexus" with navigable **waters of the United States**. While the **rule** makes clear reference to exempted established farming practices, the bureaucracy...

President Donald Trump is working to make good on a campaign promise to dump the "waters of the United States rule."

505. McCook Daily Gazette editorial: WOTUS action a step in right direction

Globe Gazette (Mason City, IA) March 12, 2017 Word Count: 511

...the Environmental Protection Agency to reconsider the Obama Administration's controversial "**Waters of the United States rule**." Water is Nebraska's most valuable natural resource, and McCook residents...

...well water before sending it to our taps. But Obama's **WOTUS rule** had the potential to make a federal case out of...

On the 150th anniversary of a state named after a Native American term for "flat water," Nebraska leaders are celebrating President Trump's move to direct the Environmental Protection Agency to reconsider the Obama Administration's controversial

506. Banks unsure of climate change Vice chairman on environment panel says he isn't a 'denier'

Journal - Gazette March 12, 2017 Word Count: 1258

...EPA, particularly the Clean Water Rule, also known as the **Waters of the United States rule**. As a congressional candidate last year, he heard "over and...

Freshman U.S. Rep. Jim Banks is vice chairman of a House subcommittee on the environment. Banks also is uncertain whether climate change is happening and, if it is, whether human activities are a contributing factor."I believe there is some

507. Senator Tester is bad for Montana farmers, ranchers

Missoulian March 12, 2017 Word Count: 467

...blessed to have. However, the Environmental Protection Agency's so-called **Waters of the United States Rule** has the potential to undermine our ability to work our...

...agree with President Trump when he said EPA's so-called **Waters of the United States Rule** is, "one of the worst examples of federal regulation." The...

As Montana ranchers, we have considered ourselves to be good stewards of the rich natural resources we are blessed to have. However, the Environmental Protection Agency's so-called Waters of the United States Rule has the potential to undermine our

508. A thirst for clarity

News-Gazette, The (Champaign-Urbana, IL) March 12, 2017 Word Count: 633

...under the Clean Water Act. For farmers, however, the new **WOTUS rules** only made them more confused. "We're not really sure how...

...secretary of the Army for civil works to review the **WOTUS rule** and propose a new rule that rescinds or revises WOTUS...

March 12--CHAMPAIGN -- In 2015, the Obama administration issued new rules to clarify what are considered waters of the United States and thus protected under the Clean Water Act. For farmers, however, the new WOTUS rules only made them more confused

509. GOP lawmakers applaud regulation rollbacks

St. Joseph News-Press (MO) March 12, 2017 Word Count: 664

...to President Trump's executive order dismantling the Environmental Protection Agency's rule known as "Waters of the United States." Graves and others have long cited the rule they believed...

March 12--If the phrase "repeal Obamacare" stood out as the top talking point for Republicans on the campaign trail last fall, the words "roll back regulations" came in a solid second. Officeholders running on the platform have been heartened by the

510. Letters on tax bill, water rules, GOP health plan, Trump, James Thompson

Wichita Eagle (KS) March 12, 2017 Word Count: 1072

...the executive order making the Environmental Protection Agency reconsider the Waters of the United States rule (March 8 Letters to the Editor). The law (Clean Water...

Income tax bill was reasonable As a retired tax professional, I am concerned that media coverage of the recent tax bill in the Legislature, House Bill 2178, didn't explain the dollar impact to Kansas families.

511. 'Waiting for Trump' is Legislature's rallying cry

Idaho State Journal (Pocatello, ID) March 11, 2017 Word Count: 748

...Trump administration's executive order rolling back former President Barack Obama's "Waters of the United States" rule, which would have subjected groundwater - or even small puddles on...

Since the Idaho Legislature has spent the last two months waiting to see what President Donald Trump does with a variety of policy positions, there's hardly need to discuss what's going on at the statehouse. The session appears to be on auto-pilot,

512. Moran shares his impressions of President's Address to the nation FROM THE CAPITOL

Pratt Tribune, The (Pratt, KS) March 11, 2017 Word Count: 428

...the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) "Waters of the U. S." (WOTUS) rule. The WOTUS rule would greatly expand the EPA's regulatory jurisdiction far beyond the...

I had the honor of hosting VFW State Commander Gerald Marvin of La Crosse in Washington as my guest at

President Trump's address to a joint session of Congress on Tuesday. Commander Marvin was in D. C. this week to discuss improving access to

513. Waters of the U.S. repeal 'a welcome relief' for farmers

Progress-Index, The (Petersburg, VA) March 11, 2017 Word Count: 621

...Trump's March 1 repeal of the Environmental Protection Agency's controversial **Waters of the United States rule** has drawn praise from farmers, even as some environmentalists cast...
...welcome relief to farmers and ranchers across the country." The **WOTUS rule**, issued by the EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of...

As ag community celebrates, environmentalists wary

514. Hartzler issues statement on executive orderFROM THE CAPITOL

Boonville Daily News (Boonville, MO) March 10, 2017 Word Count: 178

...the Army Corps of Engineers to begin dismantling their controversial **Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule**. "This is the first step toward eliminating a rule that...
...Rule of Law, Federalism, and Economic Growth by reviewing the '**Waters of the United States Rule**' requires the EPA and other applicable departments to review the...

Rep. Vicky Hartzler (R-Mo.) issued the following statement in response to President Trump ordering the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers to begin dismantling their controversial Waters of the United States

515. Trump goes after clean water

Los Angeles Times March 10, 2017 Word Count: 726

...Obama administration adopted a thoughtful but controversial (and widely mischaracterized) "**Waters of the United States rule**" in 2015, but a number of states sued and implementation...
...Trump planning to cut EPA funding deeply and scrap the **Waters of the United States rule**, the water board has to go it alone and move...

President Trump's directive to roll back key protections for the nation's waters helps to crystallize California's challenge in the Trump era -- and points the way toward a workable strategy for preserving and promoting the state's environmental

516. New boss at the EPA casts doubt on science; Pruitt doesn't buy findings on CO2

San Antonio Express-News March 10, 2017 Word Count: 1033

...from drilling sites on federal and tribal lands; and the **Waters of the United States rule**, which expanded authority over pollution in small, intermittent streams and...

HOUSTON - The nation's top environmental regulator Thursday rejected established science and his agency's own data, saying he doesn't believe carbon dioxide is the main contributor to global warming. "I think that measuring with precision human

517. Toxic dumping into waterways raises concerns

Times-Herald, The (Newnan, GA) March 10, 2017 Word Count: 904

...other relevant agencies to review water regulations, such as the **Waters of the United States rule**, which applies to 60 percent of the bodies of water...

Residents will not have to be notified if harmful substances are dumped into a nearby body of water.

518. Helping farmers in Alabama's Third District

West Point Times-News, The (West Point, GA) March 10, 2017 Word Count: 356

...unnecessary government red tape by signing his disapproval of the **Waters of the United States rule**. This **rule** was one of the worst examples of bureaucratic overreach by...

WASHINGTON, D.C. - As Alabama's only member on the House Agriculture Committee, I take my role in protecting our farmer's best interests very seriously.

519. City sees hint of leeway on sewerFort Smith hopes EPA order helps

Arkansas Democrat Gazette (Little Rock, AR) March 09, 2017 Word Count: 869

...then rescind or revise - the final rule titled "Clean Water **Rule**: Definition of '**Waters of the United States**,'" dated June 29, 2015. Redefining the rule, Settle said, could...

...as an example to the government of the burden the **Waters of the United States rule** places on Arkansans. The rule was praised by environmentalists but...

FORT SMITH - City officials see in the administration of President Donald Trump a possibility to ease

requirements the federal government imposed on Fort Smith to bring its sanitary sewer system into compliance with the federal Clean Water Act.

520. Watersheds dichotomy sums up threat to EPA

Burlington County Times March 09, 2017 Word Count: 1168

...New Jersey NorthAmerica 7325 Word Count: 1168 The agency's proposed rule nicknamed the WOTUS rule is the latest chapter in a long and convoluted battle...

...signed an executive order requiring review of the EPAs proposed Waters of the United States rule. The WOTUS rule is the latest chapter in a long and convoluted battle...

The agency's proposed rule nicknamed the WOTUS rule is the latest chapter in a long and convoluted battle to assert its authority over the nations smallest waterways, like the Rancocas Creek.

521. Trump sends WOTUS back to drawing board

Grand Island Independent, The (Grand Island, NE) March 09, 2017 Word Count: 421

...scaling back the Environmental Protection Agency's Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule. The EPA had stirred up angst and uncertainty in farm...

President Donald Trump made an important move to help ag producers last week when he signed an executive order scaling back the Environmental Protection Agency's Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule.

522. Cleaning up the Clean Water Act

Spectrum, The (St. George, UT) March 09, 2017 Word Count: 724

...Obama when the EPA issued a rule, commonly called the " Waters of the United States rule," that expanded its reach so far that it claimed it...

In 1972, Congress passed the Clean Water Act to protect the "waters of the United States" by empowering the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) "to restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Nation's waters."At

523. FISCHER: Rolling back regulations

Star-Herald (Scottsbluff, NE) March 09, 2017 Word Count: 638

...Nebraskans across all industries. One such regulation was the final " **Waters of the United States**" or **WOTUS rule**. Under **WOTUS**, the federal government would have expanded its jurisdiction to nearly...
...lives. I also championed multiple legislative efforts to eliminate the **WOTUS rule** while also laying out a plan to clearly define "navigable...

Regulation. By definition, it's a rule or directive made and maintained by an authority. Far too many of these rules invade the lives of our families and inflict negative consequences for hardworking Nebraskans across all industries. One such

524. Trump order raises alarm from Bucks activists activists of EPA rule

Bucks County Courier Times March 08, 2017 Word Count: 1204

...an executive order requiring the review of the EPAs proposed **Waters of the United States rule**. The move made Scott Douglas, president of the Cooks Creek...
...Trump) is more than a bit unnerving. The EPAs proposed **rule** nicknamed the **WOTUS rule** is the latest chapter in a long and convoluted battle...

In late February, President Donald Trump ordered a review of an EPA rule on small waterways. Some are worried the implications could trickle down to the state.

525. Editorial: Save EPA, but let state take lead on clean water rules

Daily Herald, The (Everett, WA) March 08, 2017 Word Count: 719

...why in seeking a reconsideration of the federal government's 2015 **Waters of the United States rule**, part of the Clean Water Act, he recently called for...

By The Herald Editorial Board

526. Trump right to rein in EPA water grab

Daily Sparks Tribune, The (Sparks, NV) March 08, 2017 Word Count: 677

...the Army Corps of Engineers to review the so-called **waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule** created under the Obama administration, which attempted to usurp dominion...
...was one of 23 states to file suit over the **WOTUS rule**. The Supreme Court ruled this past summer that property owners...

President Trump this past week signed an executive order telling the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers to review the so-called waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule created under the

Obama administration, which

527. Letters: Readers discuss good in America, lead ammunition and Kim Anderson

Kansas City Star (MO) March 08, 2017 Word Count: 708

...managers, cities, counties, states and farmers and ranchers knew the **WOTUS rule** was a federal land grab, aimed at telling farmers, ranchers...

Promote goodThe March 4 Star included a heartwarming article about Jews and Muslims helping each other after disastrous events. (2C, "Jews rally to support burned Florida mosque")

528. Watchdog group wants Icahn investigated for his role with Trump

New York Business Journal March 08, 2017 Word Count: 323

...administrator, Scott Pruitt, with a pathway to rewrite a 2015 **rule** known as **Waters of the United States** The silver lining for environmentalists is that this effort could...

A government watchdog group is taking aim at billionaire investor Carl Icahn.Washington, D.C.-based Public Citizen says the founder of conglomerate Icahn Enterprises (NASDAQ: IEP) breached lobbying rules when he submitted a proposal to President

529. Trumps' waters rule welcome

St. John News (St. John, KS) March 08, 2017 Word Count: 173

...executive order to roll back the Waters of the U.S. (**WOTUS**) **rule**, and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Administrator Pruitt's effort to withdraw...

...managers, cities, counties, states, and farmers and ranchers knew the **WOTUS rule** was a federal land grab, aimed at telling farmers, ranchers...

DEAR EDITOR: President Trump's recent executive order to roll back the Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule, and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Pruitt's effort to withdraw the rule, is welcome to not just farmers and ranchers across

530. Trump has conflicts of interest on health

Star-Gazette (Elmira, NY) March 08, 2017 Word Count: 351

...process of gutting the set of protections known as the **Waters of the United States rule** under the umbrella of the Clean Waters Act of 1972...

...our vote. We regard the Clean Waters Act and its **Waters of the United States rule** as powerful and essential safeguards. While to many corporations and...

As President Ronald Reagan once so famously remarked with a condescending grin and a shake of his head, "There you go again." This time, of course, concerned Americans are aiming the same comment at our current president. Mr. Trump's wisdom and

531. Letters on water regulations, Ranzau, James Thompson, Yemen raid

Wichita Eagle (KS) March 08, 2017 Word Count: 867

...welcome President Trump's recent executive order to roll back the **Waters of the United States rule**, and Environmental Protection Agency administrator Scott Pruitt's effort to withdraw...

...managers, cities, counties, states and farmers and ranchers knew the **WOTUS rule** was a federal land grab, aimed at telling farmers, ranchers...

Rollback of EPA water rule is welcome President Trump's recent executive order to roll back the Waters of the United States rule, and Environmental Protection Agency administrator Scott Pruitt's effort to withdraw the rule, is welcome – and not just

532. U.S. attorneys general leading national revolt

Arizona Republic, The (Phoenix, AZ) March 07, 2017 Word Count: 595

...other over practically every ditch and pond in America (the **Waters of the United States rule**). Their most notable success was blocking Obama's executive order that...

WASHINGTON Among the many unintended legacies of Barack Obama, one has gone largely unnoticed: the emergence of a novel form of resistance to executive overreach, a check-and-balance improvised in reaction to his various presidential power grabs.

533. Fischer: WOTUS rollback is victory for Nebraska

Cherokee Tribune (Canton, GA) March 07, 2017 Word Count: 620

...Nebraskans across all industries. One such regulation was the final "**Waters of the United States**" or **WOTUS rule**. Under **WOTUS**, the federal government would have expanded its jurisdiction to nearly...

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534. Trump Wants To Dismantle The Clean Water Rule. Here's What's At Stake.

Huffington Post March 07, 2017 Word Count: 2224

...signed an executive order last week to dismantle the controversial Waters of the United States rule. Trump instructed the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps...

Calling it a "disaster," President Donald Trump signed an executive order last week to dismantle the controversial Waters of the United States rule. Trump instructed the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers to review and

535. Gibbs says 'stay tuned' for ACA replacement Gibbs outlines House Republicans' 200-day plan for local GOP gathering

News Journal, The (Mansfield, OH) March 07, 2017 Word Count: 598

...He cited Trump's executive order last week to rollback the "Waters of the United States" rule and listed several rules that former president Barack Obama's administration...

MANSFIELD - Just how successful can congressional Republicans be in advancing Donald Trump's agenda? March will be the month to watch, Rep. Bob Gibbs said Monday. "Stay tuned because the next 4-6 weeks is critical. ... If we trip over ourselves on

536. Newhouse talks trade, immigration and regulatory reform in Pasco

Tri-City Herald (Kennewick, WA) March 07, 2017 Word Count: 652

...28 executive order to roll back the Environmental Protection Agency's Waters of the United States rule. Backers embraced the regulations, but opponents called it federal overreach...

Rep. Dan Newhouse, R-Sunnyside, talked about the headlines coming out of the nation's capital at a farm-and-politics themed dinner Monday in Pasco. Newhouse was the featured speaker at the first-ever Farm to Free Market Dinner, sponsored by the

537. Nebraska leaders elated over WOTUS reset

York News-Times (York, NE) March 07, 2017 Word Count: 884

...to the drawing board on the Waters of the U.S. **rule**, or **WOTUS**, was Rep. Adrian Smith, R-Neb., who praised the Trump...
...and entities that have united in response to the EPA's **WOTUS rule**. Sen. Ben Sasse, R-Neb., "The EPA's unconstitutional water rule..."

Attending the ceremony were President Donald Trump signed an executive order instructing the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Army Corps of Engineers to go back to the drawing board on the Waters of the U.S. rule, or WOTUS, was Rep. Adrian

538. Clean water: it's complicated, too: Our view: Rolling back Waters of the United States rule could stifle bay cleanup

Baltimore Sun (MD) March 06, 2017 Word Count: 587

...7002752 Clean water: it's complicated, too: Our view: Rolling back **Waters of the United States rule** could stifle bay cleanup Baltimore Sun (MD) First Generic Main...
...and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to reconsider the **Waters of the United States rule**. It was one of the signature environmental achievements of President...

Donald Trump drew some guffaws recently when, in responding to questions surrounding the Republican alternative to Obamacare, he told reporters that "nobody knew that health care could be so complicated." The humor is in his naivete: It's not

539. Optimism for the work ahead

Beatrice Daily Sun (Beatrice, NE) March 06, 2017 Word Count: 544

...to the drawing board on the Waters of the U.S. **rule**, or **WOTUS**. **WOTUS**, which gave the EPA the power to dictate local land...

With its healthy optimism and sense of urgency, it is no surprise President Trump's address to Congress earned a 76 percent approval rating among viewers in a CBS News poll. Expectations are high among Americans, and they should be. We have a lot

540. Burdensome rule

Bluefield Daily Telegraph (WV) March 06, 2017 Word Count: 295

...signed an executive order last week eliminating the Obama-era **Waters of the United States rule**. The waters rule grossly expanded federal power at the cost...
...overreach and fewer jobs for West Virginians," Jenkins said. "The **Waters of the United States rule** grossly expands

federal power at the cost of families, farmers...

Area lawmakers are correctly applauding the decision by President Donald Trump to strike down another overly burdensome federal regulation. Trump signed an executive order last week eliminating the Obama-era Waters of the United States rule.

541. Trump, GOP lawmakers reach tougher stage in efforts to roll back regulations

Dallas Morning News, The March 06, 2017 Word Count: 997

...zeroing in on former President Barack Obama's environmental legacy. The Waters of the United States rule targeted last week gave the feds more control over water...

March 06--WASHINGTON -- The GOP's effort to roll back federal regulations has become an uphill push. President Donald Trump is expected to soon sign an executive order to begin reversing a high-profile climate change plan. Last week, he did the same

542. Who Could Benefit From Water Rule Change? Trump And His Golf Courses

Huffington Post March 06, 2017 Word Count: 493

...review of the Clean Water Rule, also known as the Waters of the United States rule. The rule, which Barack Obama instituted in 2015, designates many smaller creeks...

President Donald Trump 's war on clean water regulations could end up benefiting something near and dear to his heart - and his bank account: the dozen golf courses he owns in the U.S. Trump last month signed an executive order calling on the

543. Selle: Side with the 'Spring' of Rachel Carson

Lake County News-Sun (Waukegan, IL) March 06, 2017 Word Count: 439

...is an odd decision to ignore the law called the Waters of the United States rule, which expanded the EPA's authority over U.S. waterways. Who doesn't...

Add Rachel Carson to the growing list of those who are turning over in their graves since Jan. 20.

544. environment; Reductions could affect toxic cleanups

Stamford Advocate, The (Stamford, CT) March 06, 2017 Word Count: 936

...signed an executive order to roll back a clean water rule known as Waters of the United States put in place by former President Barack Obama. Trump called...

President Donald Trump's plan to gut the federal Environmental Protection Agency and dismantle clean water and air rules is prompting environmentalists to gear up for a legal and political battle not seen in a generation."They are planning massive

545. States move in when Congress fails

Abilene Reporter-News (Abilene, TX) March 05, 2017 Word Count: 542

...other over practically every ditch and pond in America (the Waters of the United States rule). Their most notable success was blocking Obama's executive order that...

WASHINGTON - Among the many unintended legacies of Barack Obama, one has gone largely unnoticed: the emergence of a novel form of resistance to executive overreach, a check-and-balance improvised in reaction to his various presidential power grabs.

546. TRUMP'S DISASTER PLAN FOR CLEAN AIR AND WATER

Chattanooga Times (Free Press, TN) March 05, 2017 Word Count: 766

...the 2015 Obama Clean Water Rule - also known as the Waters of the United States rule - "unlawful" and "extreme," and he promised to put an end...

The Donald Trump who stayed on the teleprompter Tuesday night and sounded almost normal claimed he would work with both parties "to promote clean air and clear water."

547. Revolt of the attorneys general

Daily Advertiser, The (Lafayette, LA) March 05, 2017 Word Count: 622

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548. RCCA holds annual membership meeting

Daily Courier, The (Forest City, NC) March 05, 2017 Word Count: 389

...Parker. Also discussed was the repealing of the WOTUS (The **Waters of the United States** rule. Some of the concerns touched on by Parker were the...

SPINDALE - The Rutherford County Cattlemen's Association (RCA) held its annual membership meeting Thursday night to name the Cattleman of the Year, Forage Producer of the Year, approve four new members to the Board of Directors and hold a

549. Ernst speaks in Lewis, talks farmer woes - though not in town-hall setting

Daily Nonpareil, The (Council Bluffs, IA) March 05, 2017 Word Count: 566

...set forth by the federal government. Specifically, Ernst said the **Waters of the United States** environmental rule, which is now being rescinded by through executive action by...

LEWIS - The sign outside the door in big bold red letters that U.S. Sen. Joni Ernst's visit Saturday to the Armstrong Research Farm in rural Lewis was not a legislative forum.

550. Briefly Woman stable at hospital after fire destroys house

Omaha World-Herald (NE) March 05, 2017 Word Count: 516

...set forth by the federal government. Specifically, Ernst said the **Waters of the United States** environmental rule, targeted by an executive action from President Donald Trump, was...

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551. Federal overreach is taking many hits

Times Record News (Wichita Falls, TX) March 05, 2017 Word Count: 695

...what will likely be a lengthy process to undo the **Waters of the United States** rule, which includes a lawsuit filed by a number of states...

The president, Congress and the Texas Legislature all have been very active in implementing executive orders, legislation, resolutions, and letters to reduce the federal government's massive regulatory overreach.

552. Hugh Hewitt: Trump's critics are so wrong about the president's tribute to a fallen Navy SEAL

Tulsa World March 05, 2017 Word Count: 928

...Pruitt, to move quickly to roll back the ruinous, overreaching “ **Waters of the United States**” **rule** of the Obama years. That call was coupled with a...

Only the willfully blind saw anything except a well-constructed, powerfully delivered address by President Donald Trump to Congress on Tuesday night.

553. Connecticut environmentalists vow to fight Trump EPA plans

Connecticut Post (Bridgeport) March 04, 2017 Word Count: 1441

...Trump signed an executive order to rollback a clean water **rule** known as **Waters of the United States** put in place by former President Barrack Obama. Trump called...

March 04--President Donald Trump's plan to gut the federal Environmental Protection Agency and dismantle clean water and air rules is prompting environmentalists to gear up for a legal and political battle not seen in a generation."They are

554. Trump's most important speech

Daily Journal (Park Hills, MO) March 04, 2017 Word Count: 619

...week the President finally put an end to the dreaded “ **Waters of the United States**” **Rule** which would have allowed the EPA to regulate every lake...

** U.S. Representative Jason Smith, R-8th District, files a weekly column each week the legislature is in session.

555. President's speech spread fog and smogTrump is 'promoting' deregulation, not clean air and water

Des Moines Register, The (Des Moines, IA) March 04, 2017 Word Count: 565

...of the federal government's most significant water-protection regulations: the **Waters of the United States** **rule**, which is intended to impose federal pollution limits not just...

On the surface, at least, there was much to admire about President Trump's speech to Congress this week.Unfortunately, many of the president's words, while deserving of praise, don't square with his actions. In that context, his address before a

556. Nebraska leaders elated over Trump's WOTUS reset

Grand Island Independent, The (Grand Island, NE) March 04, 2017 Word Count: 573

...to the drawing board on the Waters of the U.S. rule, or WOTUS.. Rep. Adrian Smith, R-Neb., praised the Trump administration for...

...and entities that have united in response to the EPA's WOTUS rule. "The EPA's unconstitutional water rule will die and Nebraska's farmers...

President Donald Trump has signed an executive order instructing the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Army Corps of Engineers to go back to the drawing board on the Waters of the U.S. rule, or WOTUS,.

557. Waterways and Trump

Jefferson City News-Tribune (Jefferson City, MO) March 04, 2017 Word Count: 640

...President Trump took the first step to roll back the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule. This executive order represents a major victory for American farmers...

March is upon us and the House of Representatives is wrapping up another busy week. Before I detail this week's activities, I would like to ask you to join me in keeping in your thoughts and prayers those of our fellow citizens who were impacted by

558. Trump's EPA repeal good news for state farmers

Monroe News, The (Monroe, MI) March 04, 2017 Word Count: 325

...DuVall, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation. " The flawed WOTUS rule has proven to be nothing more than a federal land...

WASHINGTON - After years of aggressively lobbying the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to "ditch the rule" that would've dramatically extended its authority under the Clean Water Act, a Trump Administration executive order issued Tuesday is

559. commentary - Trump listens to agriculture concerns

Abilene Reporter-News (Abilene, TX) March 03, 2017 Word Count: 676

...and the Army Corps of Engineers to reconsider their controversial Waters of the United States rule. The WOTUS rule would grant regulatory control over virtually all waters, assuming a...

...nation's farmers and ranchers in their quest to implement the WOTUS rule," said House Agriculture Committee Chairman Michael Conaway, from Midland who...

SAN ANGELO - The agriculture community is applauding President Donald Trump's executive action earlier this

week ordering the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers to reconsider their controversial Waters of the United

560. Soy Growers: Water regulation must focus on the farmer as environmentalist

Ag Journal (La Junta, CO) March 03, 2017 Word Count: 275

...back the controversial Clean Water Rule, also known as the **Waters of the United States rule**. ASA President Ron Moore, who farms in the Mississippi River...

WASHINGTON - The American Soybean Association (ASA) cheers a direction issued Tuesday by President Donald Trump instructing the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to begin the process of rolling back the controversial Clean Water Rule, also known

561. Trump targets clean water rule that may not affect most Tennessee streams

Daily Times, The (Maryville, TN) March 03, 2017 Word Count: 1056

...Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers to review a **rule** that redefined "**waters of the United States**" protected under the Clean Water Act to include smaller creeks...

...and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from implementing the **Waters of the United States rule**. The **rule** went into effect on May 27, 2015, and defined what...

An executive order by President Donald Trump mandating a possible yearslong review of an Obama-era clean water rule that has never actually gone into effect has stirred up outcry among environmentalists and praise from others.

562. Trump sinks water rules

Dalles Chronicle, The (The Dalles, OR) March 03, 2017 Word Count: 1292

...2015, Gina McCarthy, former head of the EPA, claimed the **WOTUS rule** rewrite was necessary to clarify the intent of the CWA...

President Donald Trump signed an executive order Tuesday to begin the legal process of rolling back federal jurisdiction over small waterways, including some stock ponds and irrigation ditches.

563. Pa. Farmers Laud Trump Water Order

LNP (Lancaster Newspapers) (PA) March 03, 2017 Word Count: 482

...forms to states. At issue is the 2015 Clean Water **Rule**: Definition of **Waters of the United States**. The **rule** sought to pinpoint which waters could be protected by the...

...traveled to Washington seeking support on critical issues, including the **Waters of the United States rule**. The Pennsylvania Farm Bureau extended its appreciation to Trump after...

Farmers across Pennsylvania, including Lancaster County, are applauding President Donald Trump for taking action this week to throw out or significantly revise what they see as a cumbersome federal rule. Trump's executive order on Tuesday said it

564. WOTUS rule should go

McPherson Sentinel (McPherson, KS) March 03, 2017 Word Count: 215

...3/17 McPherson Sentinel (McPherson, Kan.) A4 2017 WLNR 7111302 **WOTUS rule** should go McPherson Sentinel (McPherson, KS) Opinions A4...

...dis-mantle the Environmental Protection Agency's "Waters of the U.S." **rule**: "The onerous **WOTUS rule** misses the mark by imposing excessive burdens on landowners, threatening...

U.S. Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) released the following statement on the executive order President Trump signed to express the administration's intent to dis-mantle the Environmental Protection Agency's "Waters of the U.S." rule:

565. Trump action on water regulation garners praise, concern along N.C. coast

Star-News (Wilmington, NC) March 03, 2017 Word Count: 748

...the most recent iteration of the Waters of the U.S. (**WOTUS**) **rule**, which was passed in 2015 but has never been enforced...

...a senior attorney at the Southern Environmental Law Center, argue **WOTUS rules** should be interpreted broadly. "You can't protect big rivers unless...

March 03--N.C. COAST -- Developers and other industry officials are praising President Donald Trump's decision to issue an executive order scaling back the federal government's push to regulate isolated and non-navigable waters even as

566. America's attorneys general are revolting, and their restraint on the president is to be welcomed

Telegraph Online (UK) March 03, 2017 Word Count: 940

...other over practically every ditch and pond in America (the **Waters of the United States rule**). Their most notable success was blocking Obama's executive order that...

Among the many unintended legacies of Barack Obama, one has gone largely unnoticed: the emergence of a novel form of resistance to executive overreach , a check-and-balance improvised in reaction to his various presidential power grabs.It's the

567. Sen. Vincent lists future, sponsored and approved bills

Western News, The (Libby, MT) March 03, 2017 Word Count: 860

...venue. SB 48 If the new Waters of the U.S. (**WOTUS**) rule filed in the Federal Register by the EPA on June...
...of the dredge and fill (404 process) program, should the **WOTUS rule** be upheld at the USSC. This would give Montana state...

March 03--A recent bill was passed 50-0 in the Montana Senate that provides further structure and funding to operations and management for Libby's superfund site.State Senator Chas Vincent sponsored the SB 315, which provides further structure to a

568. NATION BRIEF

Augusta Chronicle, The (GA) March 02, 2017 Word Count: 163

...directing the Environmental Protection Agency to set about dismantling the **Waters of the United States rule** takes aim at one of President Barack Obama's signature environmental...

Trump order seeks end of water regulation

569. Cincinnati has ties to a presidential order

Cincinnati Enquirer, The (Cincinnati, OH) March 02, 2017 Word Count: 726

...the rule alteration regarding streams and wetlands. "EPA's so-called **Waters of the United States Rule** is one of the worst examples of federal regulation and...

Cincinnati played a role in one of President Donald Trump's latest executive orders, one that might have an impact on the quality of water across the United States.It was here, at the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals on Fifth Street, that a

570. Farm Officials Herald Water Rule Rollback

Daily News-Record (Harrisonburg, VA) March 02, 2017 Word Count: 624

...Tuesday, Trump signed an executive order aimed at the controversial **Waters of the United States rule**. It ordered a review of the rule and designated a...

...Flawed Interpretation' In June 2015, lawsuits were filed against the **Waters of the United States rule** by multiple agricultural organizations and state attorneys general, including then...

HARRISONBURG - Heads of farm organizations are heralding President Donald Trump's action to roll back a proposed clean water rule considered by some to be onerous.

571. Trump ordering review of Obama rule protecting small streams

Garden City Telegram (Garden City, KS) March 02, 2017 Word Count: 640

...Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers to review a **rule** that redefined "**waters of the United States**" protected under the Clean Water Act to include smaller creeks...

...Roberts, R-Kansas, also commented in a press release. "The **WOTUS rule** has been a thorn in the sides of rural America...

WASHINGTON - President Donald Trump signed an executive order Tuesday mandating a review of an Obama-era Environmental Protection Agency rule that Kansas farmers have said would have affected the state's intermittent streams and drainage ditches.

572. Gibbs has town hall on Facebook

Independent, The (Massillon, OH) March 02, 2017 Word Count: 866

...losses. Gibbs also fielded criticism that his opposition to the **Waters of the United States rule** - a clean water rule implemented under the Obama administration - meant...

WASHINGTON It was a scintillating promise: Join U. S. Rep. Bob Gibbs on Facebook Live and he would answer all of your questions - "and I do mean ALL questions." And, for 90 minutes Wednesday night, he did just that - holding a virtual town hall

573. epa water rule: Morrisey thanks Trump for action on water rule

Mineral Daily News-Tribune (Keyser, WV) March 02, 2017 Word Count: 206

...to attend Tuesday's signing of an executive order undoing the **Waters of the United States Rule**. Attorney General Morrisey helped lead a coalition of 31 states...

CHARLESTON - West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey expressed appreciation for President Donald

Trump's invitation to attend Tuesday's signing of an executive order undoing the Waters of the United States Rule.

574. First 100 days Crossed t's, daughtered i's Ivanka gave gentler tone to Don's speech

New York Post March 02, 2017 Word Count: 739

...on farmers and ranchers. He targeted what's known as the **Waters of the United States rule** by asking EPA officials to review the regulation to determine...

Ivanka Trump pressed her father to include a softer touch in his address to Congress and focus on her pet issues, such as family leave, child care and environmental protection. A senior administration official said President Trump's eldest daughter

575. Farmers hail Trump ditching water rule

Times, The (Shreveport, LA) March 02, 2017 Word Count: 704

...Agency and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to review the **Waters of the United States rule**, also known as WOTUS, which the president said would pave...

"We're covered up with water. It would basically put us out

576. Trump's claim that Waters of the United States rule cost 'hundreds of thousands' of jobs There's no evidence to support Trump's claim blaming the loss of jobs to a rule that has not yet gone into effect.

WashingtonPost.com March 02, 2017 Word Count: 1333

...WashingtonPost.com (Pg. Unavail. Online) 2017 WLNR 6526312 Trump's claim that **Waters of the United States rule** cost 'hundreds of thousands' of jobs There's no evidence to...

...of Columbia North America 7883 Word Count: 1333 "EPA's so-called **Waters of the United States Rule** is one of the worst examples of federal regulation and...

"EPA's so-called Waters of the United States Rule is one of the worst examples of federal regulation and it has truly run amok and is one of the rules most strongly opposed by farmers, ranchers and agricultural workers all across our land. It's

577. Sullivan joins Trump for signing of executive order overturning EPA water rule Alaska's junior senator has railed against the regulation through two years in Washington, D.C.

Alaska Dispatch News March 01, 2017 Word Count: 625

...review and roll back of the expansive overreach in the **WOTUS Rule**, which gave the EPA vast new authority over lands across...

...our economy." Sullivan argued for years that the Obama administration's "**WOTUS**" rule amounted to federal overreach. He delivered speeches on the Senate...

WASHINGTON — Alaska Sen. Dan Sullivan made it to the White House on Tuesday afternoon for President Donald Trump's signing of an executive order asking the Environmental Protection Agency to redo a controversial regulation defining the agency's

578. President directs EPA to raze water initiative It may take agency years to roll back Obama-era rule

Chicago Tribune March 01, 2017 Word Count: 559

...directing the Environmental Protection Agency to set about dismantling the **Waters of the United States rule** takes aim at one of President Barack Obama's signature environmental...

President Donald Trump stepped up his attack on federal environmental protections Tuesday, issuing an order directing his administration to begin the long process of rolling back sweeping clean water rules that were enacted by his predecessor.

579. NEWS BRIEFING

Chicago Tribune March 01, 2017 Word Count: 1060

...directing the Environmental Protection Agency to set about dismantling the **Waters of the United States rule** takes aim at one of President Barack Obama's environmental legacies...

2 women charged with killing N. Korea leader's half brother

580. Trump signs order on undoing waters rule He also moves black colleges initiative

Cincinnati Enquirer, The (Cincinnati, OH) March 01, 2017 Word Count: 245

...White House on Tuesday. The first seeks to undo the **Waters of the United States rule**, an Obama administration regulation that sought to reinterpret the Clean...

WASHINGTON — President Trump's newest executive orders target a water-protection rule and elevate an initiative on historically black colleges and universities into the White House. Trump signed the executive orders

in back-to-back signing

581. Gibbs praises targeting of clean water rule

Cleveland Plain Dealer March 01, 2017 Word Count: 412

...County Republican who repeatedly forwarded legislation to overturn the EPA's " Waters of the United States" rule - watched Trump sign the paperwork in his first-ever visit...

Washington - On the campaign trail in Canton last summer, presidential candidate Donald Trump told U.S. Rep. Bob Gibbs that he'd overturn a controversial Clean Water Act rule if he made it to the White House.

582. President Trump scraps EPA clean water rule opposed by state of Ohio, U.S. Rep. Bob Gibbs

cleveland.com (Cleveland, OH) March 01, 2017 Word Count: 494

...County Republican who repeatedly forwarded legislation to overturn the EPA's " Waters of the United States" rule -- watched Trump sign the paperwork in the White House Roosevelt...

March 01--WASHINGTON -- On the campaign trail in Canton last summer, presidential candidate Donald Trump told U.S. Rep. Bob Gibbs that he'd overturn a controversial Clean Water Act rule if he made it to the White House. On Tuesday, the president

583. This Day in Trump, Day 40: Aiming for unity, short of specifics

Dallas Morning News, The March 01, 2017 Word Count: 725

...Agency administrator, Scott Pruitt, to begin rewriting the sweeping 2015 rule known as Waters of the United States. The move is expected to be just the beginning of...

March 01--WASHINGTON -- All eyes turned to Capitol Hill on Tuesday for President Donald Trump's first address to a joint session of Congress. Highlight of the day

584. Herbert says he's optimistic after meeting with Trump

Deseret Morning News March 01, 2017 Word Count: 553

...will put in the necessary steps to unravel the controversial Waters of the United States rule issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency more than a...

Deseret NewsSALT LAKE CITY - Utah Gov. Gary Herbert met with President Donald Trump and described a

sense of optimism based on the president's desire to let states have a greater role in their own destiny.

585. Trump water directive cheered by ranchers, blasted by environmentalists

Fort Worth Star-Telegram (Fort Worth) March 01, 2017 Word Count: 784

...Rule and getting the American economy back on track." The **WOTUS rule** "poses a burden to Texas property owners," he added. A...
...federal Clean Water Act made it illegal to pollute "navigable **waters of the United States**." The **rule** was supposed to clarify what could be defined as "navigable..."

State leaders and agriculture groups applauded an executive order issued by President Trump on Tuesday that directs the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to reconsider a controversial rule that sought to more

586. Trump calls Obama's clean water rule 'horrible, horrible'

Freeman, The (Waukesha, WI) March 01, 2017 Word Count: 290

...directing the Environmental Protection Agency to set about dismantling the **Waters of the United States rule** takes aim at one of President Barack Obama's signature environmental...

WASHINGTON (TNS) - President Donald Trump stepped up his attack on federal environmental regulations Tuesday, issuing an order directing his administration to begin the long process of rolling back sweeping clean water rules that were enacted by

587. Trump's water order splits local groups

Great Falls Tribune (Great Falls, MT) March 01, 2017 Word Count: 814

...Montana Wool Growers Association and Montana Chamber of Commerce. "EPA's **Waters of the United States rule** would give the federal government authority to regulate waters not..."

Conservation groups in Montana criticized President Donald Trump for directing federal agencies Tuesday to roll back a rule implemented under the Obama administration that expanded the scope of waters falling under the federal Clean Water Act. They

588. AG Morrisey meets with Trump in rollback of Clean Water Act provision

Herald-Dispatch, The (Huntington, WV) March 01, 2017 Word Count: 194

...and pollution. The occasion marked the official undoing of the **Waters of the United States rule**, which Morrissey described in a news release Tuesday an an...

The Herald-Dispatch

589. Donald Trump's Actual Policies Contradict His Joint Session Speech

Huffington Post March 01, 2017 Word Count: 1118

...Tuesday, Trump signed an executive order that would dismantle the **Waters of the United States rule**, also known as the Clean Water Rule That 2015 rule...

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump 's first speech before a joint session of Congress earned high marks on Wednesday from many pundits, who welcomed its optimistic tone after nearly two years of Trump's doomsaying about the level of "carnage" in

590. HUFFPOST HILL - President Readies Second-Worst Contribution To Primetime TV

Huffington Post March 01, 2017 Word Count: 2283

...U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to review the Obama administration's ' **Waters of the United States' rule**. In doing so, Trump said he is 'paving the way...

Like what you read below? Sign up for HUFFPOST HILL and get a cheeky dose of political news every evening! Freakishly warm weather in Washington is threatening the early appearance of both pollen and kickball leagues. According to Pennsylvania's

591. Trump Signs Executive Order Urging Dismantling Of Clean Water Rule

Huffington Post March 01, 2017 Word Count: 666

...Trump on Tuesday signed an executive order targeting the controversial **Waters of the United States rule**, also known as the Clean Water Rule, as he advances...

President Donald Trump is making good on a campaign promise to reverse a key environmental achievement of former President Barack Obama. Trump on Tuesday signed an executive order targeting the controversial Waters of the United States rule, also

592. Trump moves to lift clean water ruleHe orders the EPA to begin the process of revoking Obama-era protections, which could take years.

Los Angeles Times March 01, 2017 Word Count: 641

...directing the Environmental Protection Agency to set about dismantling the **Waters of the United States rule** takes aim at one of President Obama's signature environmental legacies...

President Trump stepped up his attack on federal environmental protections Tuesday, issuing an order directing his administration to begin the long process of rolling back sweeping clean water rules that were enacted by his predecessor. The order

593. Donald Trump gives himself high marks so far

Newsday (USA) March 01, 2017 Word Count: 541

...an Obama-era Clean Water Act regulation. "EPA's so-called **Waters of the United States Rule** is one of the worst examples of federal regulation and...

President Donald Trump on Tuesday gave himself high marks for his first five weeks in office, saying he earned an A-plus for effort and an A for his achievements - but also a C or C plus for "messaging."

594. Trump orders review of Obama rule protecting small streams

Record-Journal (Meriden, CT) March 01, 2017 Word Count: 109

...Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers to review a **rule** that redefined "**waters of the United States**" protected under the Clean Water Act to include smaller creeks...

WASHINGTON- President Donald Trump signed an executive order Tuesday mandating a review of an Obama-era rule aimed at protecting small streams and wetlands from development and pollution.

595. Idaho delegations pleased with Trump speech

Times-News (Twin Falls, ID) March 01, 2017 Word Count: 1654

...people it serves. Today's action to scale back the overreaching '**Waters of the United States rule** is also welcome action from the Trump administration. "The President...

March 01--Idaho's all-Republican congressional delegation released statements Tuesday night generally praising President Donald Trump's first address to Congress. Risch's statement was just two sentences and didn't go much into specifics, but the

596. Trump directs rollback of Obama-era water rule he calls 'destructive and horrible'

Washington Post, The (Washington, D.C.) March 01, 2017 Word Count: 747

...Army Corps of Engineers to review and reconsider the 2015 **Waters of the United States rule**, which could ultimately make it easier for agricultural and development...

Law is key to protecting drinking water sources, recreation groups say President Trump on Tuesday instructed the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers to review and reconsider the 2015 Waters of the United States rule,

597. With executive order, Trump targets Obama rule on water protection

Washington Times (DC) March 01, 2017 Word Count: 694

...a broader effort to lessen the regulatory burden. "The 2015 **Waters of the United States rule** was essentially a federal land grab. America's businesses, farmers and...

Once again drawing the ire of environmentalists, President Trump on Tuesday began to roll back Obama-era rules that gave the federal government wide authority over small bodies of water across the country.

598. POTUS seeks WOTUS redo

WashingtonPost.com March 01, 2017 Word Count: 689

...Army Corps of Engineers to review and reconsider the controversial "**waters of the United States**" (a.k.a. **WOTUS**) rule adopted by the Obama administration in 2015, defining the scope...

...CWA. Some states and landowner groups think that the 2015 **WOTUS rule** commits the same mistake. President Trump's new EO, and accompanying...

Yesterday, President Trump signed an executive order instructing the Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to review and reconsider the controversial "waters of the United States" (a.k.a. WOTUS) rule adopted by the Obama

599. U.S. Rep. McSally Statement on Waters of the United States Executive Order

Arizona Range News, The (Wilcox, AZ) February 28, 2017 Word Count: 156

...after President Trump signed an executive order related to the **Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule**. "During my time in Congress I have heard regularly from...

...small business owners, farmers, and ranchers about how burdensome the **WOTUS rule** has been. Today's executive action is the first step to...

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Representative Martha McSally today released the following statement after

President Trump signed an executive order related to the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule.

600. Collins applauds executive order on waterways rule

Batavian, The (Batavia, NY) February 28, 2017 Word Count: 126

...statement on President Trump's executive action regarding the Obama administration's Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule. "President Trump is delivering on his promises to end the...
...devastated Western New York's farming communities," Congressman Collins said. "The waters of the United States rule is a prime example of harmful federal government overreach. I...

Press release:

601. White House taking steps to repeal Obama-era EPA water rule

Christian Science Monitor (USA) February 28, 2017 Word Count: 596

...Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers review a rule redefining which "waters of the United States" receive protections under the Clean Water Act, according to a...

President Trump is expected to sign an executive order Tuesday that would take the first steps to roll back Obama-era protections of small streams and wetlands, making good on his promise to curtail government regulations that he says impede

602. Nebraska farmers cheer death knell of Obama water rule

Columbus Telegram (NE) February 28, 2017 Word Count: 963

...Farm Bureau Federation President Steve Nelson. Trump's order on the Waters of the United States rule directs the Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Army Corps of...
...according to the White House media pool. "EPA's so-called waters of the United States rule is one of the worst examples of federal regulation and...

Nebraska farmers who felt beleaguered by environmental regulations passed under former President Barack Obama cheered Tuesday as President Donald Trump signed an executive order aimed at rolling back his predecessor's signature clean water rule.

603. Now isn't time for mayor, council raises in Vineland

Daily Journal, The (Vineland, NJ) February 28, 2017 Word Count: 805

...sued the EPA to block its Clean Power Plan and **Waters of the United States Rule**. A judge recently forced him to release emails that showed...

Cumberland County is one of the most economically distressed areas in New Jersey. Taxes on our homes in Vineland have skyrocketed while values have dropped. Many houses have been abandoned or are under foreclosure. Full-time jobs with benefits are

604. Pres. ordering review of rule protecting small streams: Trump ordering review of Obama rule protecting small streams

Harlan Daily Enterprise (Harlan, KY) February 28, 2017 Word Count: 289

...Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers to review a **rule** that redefined "**waters of the United States**" protected under the Clean Water Act to include smaller creeks...

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Donald Trump will sign an executive order Tuesday mandating a review of an Obama-era rule aimed at protecting small streams and wetlands from development and pollution.

605. Donald Trump to repeal Obama-era water rule to allow draining of wetlands and streamsAdministrationwill instructEnvironmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers to 'review and reconsider'2015's Waters of the United States...

Independent Online (UK) February 28, 2017 Word Count: 810

...Agency and Army Corps of Engineers to 'review and reconsider'2015's **Waters of the United States rule** President Trump will instruct the Environmental Protection Agency and Army...

...to "review and reconsider" a 2015 rule known as the **Waters of the United States rule**, according to a senior official, a move that could ultimately...

Administrationwill instructEnvironmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers to 'review and reconsider'2015's Waters of the United States rulePresident Trump will instruct the Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers to

606. Trump water directive cheered by ranchers, blasted by environmentalists

Longview News-Journal (Longview, TX) February 28, 2017 Word Count: 344

...Rule and getting the American economy back on track." The **WOTUS rule** "poses a burden to Texas property owners," he added. A...

...federal Clean Water Act made it illegal to pollute "navigable **waters of the United States**." The **rule** was supposed to clarify what could be defined as "navigable..."

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607. Nation and world

Sentinel, The (Carlisle, PA) February 28, 2017 Word Count: 750

...Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers to review a **rule** that redefined "**waters of the United States**" protected under the Clean Water Act to include smaller creeks...

Trump sons open hotel

608. The Daily 202: Republican governors divided on Obamacare replacement

WashingtonPost.com February 28, 2017 Word Count: 6669

...Army Corps of Engineers to roll back the Obama-era "**Waters of the United States**" **rule**, which could ultimately make it easier for agricultural interests and...

With Breanne Deppisch THE BIG IDEA: Donald Trump has learned that repealing and replacing Obamacare is "an unbelievably complex subject" since he became president. "Nobody knew health care could be so complicated," the president mused to a group of

609. Trump directs rollback of Obama-era water rule he calls 'destructive and horrible' President Trump on Tuesday instructed the Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers to "review and reconsider" a 2015 rule known ...

WashingtonPost.com February 28, 2017 Word Count: 1082

...to "review and reconsider" a 2015 rule known as the **Waters of the United States rule**, a move that could ultimately make it easier for agricultural...

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President Trump on Tuesday instructed the Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers to "review and reconsider" a 2015 rule known as the Waters of the United States rule, a move that could ultimately make it easier for agricultural

610. EPA chief vows quick rollback of Obama rules

Houston Chronicle February 27, 2017 Word Count: 555

...We know what those are: The previous administration took the **Waters of the United States rule** and transformed the Clean Water Act and made puddles and...

U.S. environmental chief Scott Pruitt unveiled plans to roll back at least three Obama-era rules at the EPA while vowing to give businesses "regulatory certainty." Those policy reversals, set to start next week, will empower the Environmental

611. EPA's first big moves to affect Colorado environment

Fort Collins Coloradoan (Fort Collins, CO) February 26, 2017 Word Count: 982

...to quickly withdraw the Clean Power Plan and the 2015 **Waters of the United States rule**, two controversial Obama-era regulations. Need a refresher on what...

"We don't need federal guidance to understand the benefits of clean air, and we have found a way to get there by working with industry and impacted communities." Holly Shrewsbury

612. Scott Pruitt vows to slash climate and water pollution regulations at CPAC Head of the EPA told the conservative audience they would be 'justified' in believing the environmental regulator should be completely disbanded

Guardian (UK) February 25, 2017 Word Count: 873

...Obama's centrepiece policy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and the **Waters of the United States rule**, which gives the EPA wider latitude to reduce pollution of...

Scott Pruitt, the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), has vowed to roll back flagship regulations that tackle climate change and water pollution, telling a conservative audience in Maryland they would be "justified" in

613. Carter encounters raucous, engaged crowds at town halls

Brunswick News, The (GA) February 24, 2017 Word Count: 1182

...he wanted to rein it in, citing issues like the **Waters of the United States rules**, which significantly increase the areas coming under federal regulatory jurisdiction...

Feb. 24--Nobody said being a congressman meant good times and fun people all the time. That was evident Thursday in the crowd at College of Coastal Georgia in Brunswick when U.S. Rep. Buddy Carter, R-1, took the stage for one of a series of town

614. Save the waters of the United States rule

Citizens' Voice, The (Wilkes-Barre, PA) February 24, 2017 Word Count: 804

...Barre, PA) (Pg. Unavail. Online) 2017 WLNR 5933185 Save the waters of the United States rule Citizens' Voice, The (Wilkes-Barre, PA) Letters...

...and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers jointly finalized the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule in late May 2015. The rule specifies the features of...

Precisely at noon on Jan. 20, the Trump administration unveiled its new website at whitehouse.gov. Under the category of "issues" is a link to the America First Energy Plan, which states "For too long, we've been held back by burdensome regulations

615. Executives target regulatory reliefLobbying group sends detailed list to key Trump adviser

USA Today (USA) February 24, 2017 Word Count: 420

...example of "EPA overreach infringing on state authority." The EPA's " Waters of the United States" rule, which identifies rivers, streams, lakes and marshes that fall under...

Eager to seize the opportunity to roll back regulations, Business Roundtable, a lobbying group for corporate executives, sent a letter to the Trump administration to pitch ideas for regulatory relief, while expressing concern for possible

616. Trump aims to reverse enviro laws

Bundaberg News Mail (Australia) February 23, 2017 Word Count: 190

...the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers to revamp the Waters of the United States rule, which applies to 60% of water bodies in the US...

PRESIDENT Donald Trump is preparing executive orders aimed at reversing Obama- era policies on climate and water pollution, according to individuals briefed on the measures. The directives will take time to implement, but they send an unmistakable

617. Climate change activists build on anti-Trump fervor with San Diego rally

San Diego Union-Tribune, The (CA) February 22, 2017 Word Count: 989

...greenhouse-gas emissions from power plants, as well as the Waters of the United States rules that restrict development along certain wetlands, rivers, streams and other...

Feb. 22--Hundreds of people gathered in downtown San Diego on Tuesday evening to call for a massive transition to clean power in the fight against climate change. The event was the most recent in a groundswell of local political demonstrations

618. climate, water Orders Will Target Environment

Hartford Courant February 21, 2017 Word Count: 254

...of Engineers to revamp a 2015 rule, known as the Waters of the United States rule, that applies to 60 percent of the water bodies in...

WASHINGTON, D.C. - President Donald Trump is preparing executive orders aimed at reversing Obama-era policies on climate and water pollution, according to individuals briefed on the measures. While both directives will take time to implement, they

619. Trump's new executive orders will cut Obama's climate change policies

Independent Online (UK) February 21, 2017 Word Count: 1029

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620. Under Pruitt, change in course is ahead for EPA

Oklahoman February 21, 2017 Word Count: 513

...all states must make to greenhouse gas emissions, and the Waters of the United States rule, which broadened the EPA's control over bodies of water such...

TO hear his opponents tell it, Scott Pruitt's arrival as administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency will mean, essentially, the end of the agency. "The Senate just put an arsonist in charge of fighting fires," declared the executive

621. Trump to roll back Obama's climate, water rules through executive action

St. Paul Pioneer Press (MN) February 21, 2017 Word Count: 738

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622. Trump to roll back Obama's climate, water rules through executive action

Washington Post, The (Washington, D.C.) February 21, 2017 Word Count: 217

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623. Trump to roll back Obama's climate, water rules through executive action President Trump is preparing executive orders aimed at reversing Obama-era policies on climate and water pollution, according to individuals briefe...

WashingtonPost.com February 20, 2017 Word Count: 1068

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624. The toughest questions first: Daines defends actions during telephone town hall

Montana Standard, The (Butte) February 17, 2017 Word Count: 831

...a caller from Potomac about the problems with the EPA's **Waters of the United States rule** and with the Bureau of Land Management's "2.0" regulations...

Feb. 17--It didn't take long for Montanans to grill Sen. Steve Daines Thursday night on twin controversies from his most recent -- and most eventful -- week in Washington. Answering the first two questions asked during a "tele-town hall," Sen. Steve

625. Utah Farm Bureau lists 'Issues to Watch For in 2017' legislative session

Daily Herald (Provo, UT) February 16, 2017 Word Count: 1478

...includes a repeal of the EPA's "Waters of the U.S." (**WOTUS**) **rules** that oversteps the agency's authority and challenges state's rights to...

SANDY - Utah Farm Bureau has released its list of 'Issues to Watch For in 2017' upon returning from the national agricultural convention for the American Farm Bureau Federation and at the start of the 2017 Utah general legislative session.

626. The Clean Water Act Needs A ResetFederal environmental officials are notorious for distorting the letter and spirit of the Clean Water Act to expand their power over individuals, b...Believe it or not, even rural ponds like this one in the Texas Hill Country are now considered by federal bureaucrats to be "navigable waters." To ...

Investor's Business Daily February 16, 2017 Word Count: 902

...and is representing numerous parties who are challenging the new **WOTUS** **rule**. RELATED: Environmental Law — A Good Place For Trump To Start...

Federal environmental officials are notorious for distorting the letter and spirit of the Clean Water Act to expand their power over individuals, businesses and property owners nationwide. If the Trump administration is serious about curbing

627. Getting bureaucracy off your back

York News-Times (York, NE) February 16, 2017 Word Count: 593

...When the Obama administration finalized its Waters of the U.S. **rule**, or **WOTUS**, in 2015, I introduced a resolution to block it using...

A common request I receive from Nebraskans is for help getting bureaucracy off their backs.

628. KEEP OUR WATER FROM POLLUTERS

Albany Times Union (NY) February 11, 2017 Word Count: 863

...that he would like to roll back is the recent **rule** defining the "**waters of the United States**" under the Clean Water Act. Repealing this rule would cut...

When Scott Pruitt takes the reins of the Environmental Protection Agency, we can expect him to dismantle federal environmental protections. Among the protections that he would like to roll back is the recent rule defining the "waters of the United

629. 'Big Luther' Strange sworn in as Alabama senator

News Courier, The (Athens, AL) February 10, 2017 Word Count: 833

...was a vocal opponent of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's **Waters of the United States rule**, challenging the measure in court. On Tuesday, Strange spoke to...

Alabama's attorney general Luther Strange took the oath of office in Washington Thursday to become U.S. senator following the Senate's confirmation of U.S. Sen. Jeff Sessions as the next U.S. attorney general.

630. Scott Pruitt Is Seen Cutting the E.P.A. With a Scalpel, Not a Cleaver

International New York Times February 05, 2017 Word Count: 1542

...wants to repeal the Obama water regulation, known as the **Waters of the United States rule**, which would make it a federal crime to pollute in...

WASHINGTON — Scott Pruitt, President Trump's pick to run the Environmental Protection Agency, is drawing up plans to move forward on the president's campaign promise to "get rid of" the agency he hopes to head. He has a blueprint to repeal climate

631. Senate should deny Pruitt's nomination as EPA head

Telegraph, The (Nashua, NH) February 05, 2017 Word Count: 540

...such as the Clean Power Plan and the Clean Water **Rule** or **Waters of the United States rule**. Pruitt has spent his career fighting clean water safeguards, such...

Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt has made a lengthy career of challenging the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and putting the interests of polluters over the health of its citizens.

632. Colorado Farm Bureau: Priorities sent to Senator Cory Gardner

Ag Journal (La Junta, CO) February 03, 2017 Word Count: 328

...specific reforms to the Endangered Species Act, repeal of the "**Waters of the United States rule**", repeal of the Death Tax,

reforms to the immigration system...

CENTENNIAL, Colo. - Colorado Farm Bureau Tuesday sent a letter to U.S. Senator Cory Gardner outlining its policy priorities for the 155th Congress. The correspondence is in reply to Sen. Gardner's request for information on policies that could help

633. The looming issues awaiting Donald Trump's supreme court nomineeAn expert look at the prospects for immigration, voting rights, LGBT issues and abortion

Guardian (UK) February 01, 2017 Word Count: 1271

...to make its way to the court soon involves Obama's "waters of the United States" rule that gave the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers greater...

Donald Trump announced his nominee for the ninth supreme court justice on Tuesday night: federal judge Neil Gorsuch. Gorsuch, known for his bedrock conservative views, is described by many as in the mold of the late Justice Antonin Scalia. If he is

634. Farmers Fret Over Trump's Early MovesThe new administration's opposition to trade deals and its immigration stances make agriculture groups nervous.

National Journal Daily February 01, 2017 Word Count: 817

...to eliminate the Obama administration's Climate Action Plan and the Waters of the United States rule they so bitterly opposed. But it's been rough since then...

ORLANDO-Farmers, ranchers, and agribusiness executives undoubtedly loved President Trump's statement on his first day in office that he wants to eliminate the Obama administration's Climate Action Plan and the Waters of the United States rule they

635. Lawmakers join Trump in targeting regulations

St. Joseph News-Press (MO) February 01, 2017 Word Count: 463

...a steady drumbeat of regulatory reform, repeatedly pointing out the Waters of the United States rule of the Environmental Protection Agency. He said the regulation needlessly...

Feb. 01--Members of Congress believing the federal government has an over-abundance of regulations will enjoy the math of the new president. According to an executive order signed by President Trump, "for every one new regulation issued, at least

636. AG Scott Pruitt will bring much-needed sanity to EPA

Enid News & Eagle (Enid, OK) January 31, 2017 Word Count: 580

...proposed new of regulations under the umbrella name of the **Waters of the United States Rule**. No longer were large lakes and rivers to be the...

Did you ever dig a ditch, say 6 feet long and 2 feet deep, and then have it fill up with rain water? Did you consider it the equivalent of the Mississippi River? Of course not, but the federal Environmental Protection Agency does.

637. What is Trump going to do for farm country?

Free Press, The (Mankato, MN) January 30, 2017 Word Count: 1851

...in Minnesota are cheered that he plans to tackle the **Waters of the United States rule**, an Obama-era EPA provision that subjects certain bodies of...

President Donald Trump gets attention for making bold, outlandish claims and stoking controversy, on everything from immigration and trade to alleged "voter fraud" and the size of the crowd at his inauguration.

638. Washington, D.C.: Senate should reject Pruitt's nomination to head EPA

Long Beach Press-Telegram (CA) January 26, 2017 Word Count: 741

...pollutants. In 2015, Pruitt sued the EPA to block the **Waters of the United States rule**, which protects wetlands across the country. In the same year...

Among many terrible Cabinet-level picks by President Donald Trump, none is worse than Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt to head the Environmental Protection Agency. Pruitt has spent his career, and made his reputation, by fighting

639. Reading the Tea Leaves on Sonny Perdue President Trump's pick for Agriculture secretary faces challenges on trade, crop subsidies, school lunches, and a host of other issues.

National Journal Daily January 25, 2017 Word Count: 851

...of the Obama administration regulations that farmers hated, including the **Waters of the United States rule**, were issued by the Environmental Protection Agency, not USDA. Perdue...

What does it mean that Sonny Perdue, the former Republican governor of Georgia, is likely to be the next Agriculture secretary? Perdue was the last Cabinet secretary nominated by President Trump, and his Senate confirmation hearing has not yet been

640. Mulvaney will help ease debt, regulations

Columbia State (SC) January 23, 2017 Word Count: 412

...burdensome country-of-origin labeling regulation on meat, and the **waters of the United States rule**, which would give federal bureaucrats expanded power to dictate how...

America's business owners, farmers and ultimately consumers are suffering under the weight of national debt and federal rules. If we are to fix our ailing economy, this out-of-control spending and overregulation must be checked, and I know just the

641. Rock Creek Mine fight 'not a done deal'

Bonner County Daily Bee (Sandpoint, ID) January 22, 2017 Word Count: 1694

...unnecessary policies" associated with the Climate Action Plan and the **Waters of the United States Rule**. This sudden lurch in policy bodes ill for those battling...

'This is a high-risk mine perched right on the river ...we have everything to lose and nothing to gain'

642. Trump's cabinet: Eight essential reads

Columbus Telegram (NE) January 22, 2017 Word Count: 1042

...Pruitt wants to repeal the Clean Power Plan and EPA's '**Waters of the United States' rule**, which seeks to clarify the limits of federal jurisdiction to...

Editor's note: The following is a roundup of archival stories.

643. Breeding businessCattle breeders flock to Denver for beef industry's big event

Denver Post (CO) January 22, 2017 Word Count: 1588

...former President Barack Obama, the Environmental Protection Association established the **Waters of the United States rule**, which extended federal protection to smaller bodies of water like...

...of a 19-state request for an injunction of the **Waters of the United States rule**. The court issued a stay in enforcement and the case...

In a yard full of cattle with colorful names, Trump Train stood out. His caretaker, Lee Whyte, wore a hat bearing the bull calf's name and stood near his pen. "I'll buy that hat for 50 bucks," an admirer said to Whyte, who graciously declined.

644. Sen. Hatch can still do tremendous good for Utah

Deseret Morning News January 22, 2017 Word Count: 724

...raise utility rates nationwide. Next, the administration issued the harmful **Waters of the United States rule**, which puts an EPA regulator in the backyard of virtually...

Kerry W. Gibson, Leland Pollock and Dell LeFevre Four years ago, in the wake of an unending stream of federal regulations and government overreach by the Obama administration, Utahns sent Sen. Orrin Hatch back to Washington to represent our values

645. Va. senators should vote for Sessions

Richmond Times Dispatch (VA) January 22, 2017 Word Count: 665

...error in pending litigation over EPA's Waters of the U.S. **Rule (WOTUS)**, whereby that agency attempts to insert itself into purely local...

Virginia Sens. Mark Warner and Tim Kaine should strongly consider voting for their Alabama colleague, Sen. Jeff Sessions, to be the next attorney general of the United States. Eight years ago, Sessions cast a "yea" vote for President Barack Obama's

646. Trump signals changing priorities on website

Charleston Gazette-Mail (Charleston, WV) January 21, 2017 Word Count: 1285

...unnecessary policies such as the Climate Action Plan and the **Waters of the United States rule**. The first represents a variety of efforts Obama had pursued...

WASHINGTON - Just moments after President Donald Trump took the oath of office Friday, the official White House website was transformed into a set of policy pledges - and absence of them - that offered the broad contours of the Trump

647. Trump team sweeps in, scrubs some White House site pages

Chicago Tribune January 21, 2017 Word Count: 398

...unnecessary policies" such as the Climate Action Plan and the **Waters of the United States rule**. The first represents a variety of efforts Obama pursued to...

Just moments after Donald Trump took the oath of office Friday, the official White House website was transformed into a set of policy pledges that offered the broad contours of the Trump administration's top priorities.

648. VOICES FROM THE INAUGURATION

Gazette, The (Cedar Rapids, IA) January 21, 2017 Word Count: 426

...that lowans have been calling for, including rolling back the (**Waters of the United States**) rule; pursuing Sarah's Law; cutting wasteful spending; providing regulatory relief for...

"This is an opportunity to take the long-overdue steps that lowans have been calling for, including rolling back the (Waters of the United States) rule; pursuing Sarah's Law; cutting wasteful spending; providing regulatory relief for our farmers,

649. On his first day, Trump begins to set up his administration

St. Augustine Record, The (St. Augustine, FL) January 21, 2017 Word Count: 1521

...unnecessary policies" such as the Climate Action Plan and the **Waters of the United States rule**. The first represents a variety of efforts Obama had pursued...

WASHINGTON | President Donald Trump signed an executive order late Friday giving federal agencies broad powers to unwind regulations created under the Affordable Care Act, including enforcement of the penalty for people who fail to carry the health

650. Trump changes White House website, signaling policy priorities

Washington Post, The (Washington, D.C.) January 21, 2017 Word Count: 1130

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651. Trump signs executive order that could effectively gut Affordable Care Act's individual mandateThe order directs all federal agencies to minimize the law's "economic and regulatory burdens" as felt by consumers, insurers, providers, drug comp...

WashingtonPost.com January 21, 2017 Word Count: 1818

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The order directs all federal agencies to minimize the law's "economic and regulatory burdens" as felt by consumers, insurers, providers, drug companies and states.President Trump signed an executive order late Friday giving federal agencies broad

652. S.D. farm groups react to Trump's Selection for ag secretary

Argus Leader (Sioux Falls, SD) January 20, 2017 Word Count: 570

...Administration to repeal or alter Clean Power Plan and the **Waters of the United States rules** from the Environmental Protection Agency, which have had a disparate...

South Dakota farm groups are hopeful President-Elect Donald Trump's pick for agriculture secretary will steer the new administration toward farm-friendly policies. The nomination of former Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue for the position came after weeks

653. Moments after oath, Trump transforms White House website

Daily Herald, The (Everett, WA) January 20, 2017 Word Count: 598

...unnecessary policies" such as the Climate Action Plan and the **Waters of the United States rule**. The first represents a variety of efforts President Obama pursued...

By Ashley Parker / The Washington Post

654. Trump vows to end reliance on foreign oil with 'America First' energy policy New administration is 'committed to energy policies that lower costs for hard-working Americans and maximize the use of American resources,' statement...

globeandmail.com (Toronto) January 20, 2017 Word Count: 867

...greenhouse gas emissions in the power sector, and at the **Waters of the United States rule** that expands federal protection for streams and wetlands. Both measures...

New administration is 'committed to energy policies that lower costs for hard-working Americans and maximize the use of American resources,' statement says Shortly after being sworn into office on Friday, President Donald Trump released an "America

655. The land we love SENATORIAL UPDATE

Nebraska City News-Press (Nebraska City, NE) January 20, 2017 Word Count: 566

...We all want clean air and clean water, but the **WOTUS rule** is gross federal overreach. It is completely unprecedented. I am...

...clear. Our resolution expresses strong disapproval with the Obama administration's **WOTUS rule** and states that the rule must be withdrawn and vacated...

More than most Americans, Nebraskans know the worth of water. Water sustains our lives and livelihoods: our families rely on clean water; our ag producers depend on it to raise the crops and livestock that feed a hungry world.

656. On White House website, Obama climate priorities vanish, replaced by Trump's focus on energy production Within minutes of Donald Trump's swearing in, the White House website displayed his energy and environment priorities. Gone was the Obama focus on ...

WashingtonPost.com January 20, 2017 Word Count: 647

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657. Trump changes White House website, signaling policy priorities

WashingtonPost.com January 20, 2017 Word Count: 774

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Just moments after President Donald Trump took the oath of office Friday, the official White House website was transformed into a set of policy pledges offering the broad contours of the Trump administration's top priorities — including fierce

658. Tennesseans can count on Pruitt to turn EPA around

Knoxville News-Sentinel, The (TN) January 19, 2017 Word Count: 568

...the EPA's power plays. Tennessee farmers will recall the agency's "**Waters of the United States rule**, for example, which sought to put just about every body...

...have repeatedly stayed the rule, rendering it unenforceable. Like the **WOTUS rule**, the EPA's "Clean Power" plan also places unnecessary burdens on...

Tennesseans know that, on President Barack Obama's watch, the Environmental Protection Agency is out of control. What was once a respected watchdog group, tasked with protecting our public health and lands, has become a partisan political operation

659. Hoosiers need Pruitt at EPA

Courier-Journal, The (Louisville, KY) January 18, 2017 Word Count: 418

...about is the aggressive overreach of the EPA through their Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule. During my many visits to family farms across the District...
...he fought regulations related to the agency's new carbon and WOTUS rules. His willingness to challenge Washington's overreach, coupled with his adherence...

When President-elect Trump nominated Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt to be the next Administrator of the Environmental Protection Administration, a predictable chorus of howls rose from proponents of big government. How could Pruitt, who

660. Pruitt will reign in an out-of-control EPAOP-ED

Hannibal Courier-Post, The (Hannibal, MO) January 18, 2017 Word Count: 572

...EPA's justification for the move? Its Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule, which the EPA implemented despite Congress rejecting the policy multiple...

It's hard to argue against the fact that the federal government is too big. It hurts our economy and limits our freedoms. And it puts unelected bureaucrats in the position to make decisions that affect our lives in ways they never should.

661. The Big-Money Fight to Reshape the EPAThe advertising flurry around Scott Pruitt's nomination reflects how much he could change the agency.

National Journal Daily January 18, 2017 Word Count: 897

...Plan limits on greenhouse gases from power plants, and the Waters of the United States rule that expanded EPA's authority to regulate water pollution. The American...

Scott Pruitt's bid to head the Environmental Protection Agency isn't just a typical confirmation battle; it represents a debate over how the agency itself should function. And groups on both sides of the aisle are spending heavily to get their

662. Tennessee scientists urge Corker, Alexander to oppose Trump's EPA pick

Chattanooga Times (Free Press, TN) January 17, 2017 Word Count: 1001

...suing the agency over its burdensome regulations such as the **Waters of the United States rule** and the Clean Power Plan." The Tennessee Farm Bureau does...

Jan. 17--Four locals, including two college professors, are among a group of 56 Tennessee scientists urging lawmakers to oppose President-elect Donald Trump's choice to lead the Environmental Protection Agency. Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt

663. Fischer: I'm ready to deliver results

Columbus Telegram (NE) January 17, 2017 Word Count: 549

...anxious to target those harming ag producers, such as the "**Waters of the United States rule**", on-farm fuel storage requirements and duplicative pesticide regulations. Nebraskans...

Examine. Report. Decide. These are a U.S. Senate committee's core responsibilities.

664. AFBF kicks off the farm meeting season

Farm Forum (Aberdeen, SD) January 17, 2017 Word Count: 1202

...outreach campaign in support of the Waters of the U.S. (**WOTUS rule**). Farm Bureau's grass roots campaign in opposition to the **WOTUS rule** was "Ditch the Rule" and in 2014, EPA responded with...

It's January and instead of warming by the fire, it's a good time to attend one of the annual farm and ranch meetings being held this time of year - usually in warm places. That's what I will be doing, starting in January with the American Farm

665. Fischer, ag officials applaud SCOTUS decision to take up WOTUS dispute

Grand Island Independent, The (Grand Island, NE) January 17, 2017 Word Count: 501

...challenges to the Obama administration's Waters of the U.S., or **WOTUS rule** was welcomed by U.S. Sen. Deb Fischer, R-Neb., who...

...the Supreme Court will explore the dubious legality of the **WOTUS rule**," Fischer said. " This is good news. From the very beginning...

Last week's U.S. Supreme Court decision to take up the dispute over which courts have jurisdiction to hear challenges to the Obama administration's Waters of the U.S., or WOTUS, rule was welcomed by U.S. Sen. Deb Fischer, R-Neb., who is a member of

666. Scott Pruitt Has Sued The Environmental Protection Agency 13 Times. Now He Wants To Lead It.

Huffington Post January 17, 2017 Word Count: 4752

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President-elect Donald Trump has made no secret of his hostility toward the Environmental Protection Agency. He has repeatedly called for its elimination, telling Fox News in 2015 that the environment would be just "fine" without it. Activists say

667. Supreme Court to hear WOTUS appeal

Capital Press (Salem, OR) January 16, 2017 Word Count: 608

...Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers contend the **WOTUS rule** is meant to clear up confusion and define which waters...

...in September, the plaintiff coalition argued that challenges to the **WOTUS rule** belong in district court. It further argued if the 6th...

The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to decide whether jurisdiction in lawsuits filed over the Waters of the U.S. rule lies with federal district courts or appellate courts.

668. Supreme Court adds 16 cases to docket

Legal Monitor Worldwide (Jordan) January 16, 2017 Word Count: 551

...will decide whether a challenge to the Environmental Protection Agency's **rule** defining "**waters of the United States**" should originate in the federal district courts or federal courts...

(JURIST) - The US Supreme Court on Friday granted certiorari to 16 new cases. The Court granted review on a variety of civil and criminal cases. The civil cases include both substantive and procedural questions. Substantively, in Sandoz, Inc. v.

669. Iowa Farm Bureau president is hopeful for regulatory reform

Anniston Star, The (AL) January 15, 2017 Word Count: 164

...deal of input from agriculture," Hill says. Hill says the **WOTUS rule** creates unforeseen circumstances. "Ninety-seven percent of Iowa would become...

(PHOENIX, AZ) - In front of 5,000 farm bureau members Sunday, AFBF President Zippy Duvall urged members to contact their congressmen about the importance of deregulation in agriculture.

670. **Iowans approach Trump's term uncertain, hopeful**

Des Moines Register, The (Des Moines, IA) January 15, 2017 Word Count: 1519

...include major changes to the Environmental Protection Agency's so-called "**Waters of the United States**" rule and a rollback of Barack Obama-era orders expanding employees...

BOONE, Ia. — As Donald Trump prepares to take the oath of office Friday and address Americans for the first time as their president, the Republicans and conservatives who backed him in Iowa are energized by the possibilities of his presidency but

671. **Obama administration files an 11th-hour defense of water regulation rule**

Washington Post, The (Washington, D.C.) January 15, 2017 Word Count: 445

...filing a 245-page brief in defense of its controversial "**Waters of the United States**" rule that defines every water body in the nation and determines...

...that would not lead to cleaner water in his state. **WOTUS**, as the rule is known, stems from a 2006 Supreme Court case involving...

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672. **Legislators churn out bills amid busy week on Capitol Hill**

Hawk Eye, The (Burlington, IA) January 14, 2017 Word Count: 563

...Contraception Act and a resolution against the Environmental Protection Agency's **Waters of the United States** (**WOTUS**) rule. Ernst re-introduced the bill Wednesday, advocating certain contraceptives should...

...purchase over-the-counter drugs without a prescription. Blocking the **WOTUS** rule has long been a priority for Ernst, arguing its implementation...

Jan. 14--The first two weeks of the new Congress have included new revelations about Russia's involvement in the presidential election, hearings for Cabinet nominees and movement to repeal the Affordable Care Act. But legislators outside the fray of

673. WOTUS goes to SCOTUS

WashingtonPost.com January 14, 2017 Word Count: 394

...of a jurisdictional decision concerning where challenges to the controversial "waters of the United States" (WOTUS) rule should be filed. Specifically, the case concerns whether, under the...
...jurisdiction to hear a challenge to the lawfulness of the WOTUS rule lies in the courts of appeal or federal district courts...

Friday, the Supreme Court agreed to hear an additional 16 cases this term. (For those wondering, that's quite a few cases to accept at once, but the court has lots of room on the docket for this term.) Among the cases granted was National

674. Obama administration just made a last effort to save a controversial water rule

WashingtonPost.com January 13, 2017 Word Count: 579

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...that would not lead to cleaner water in his state. WOTUS, as the rule is known, stems from a 2006 Supreme Court case involving...

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675. Conservation rollbacks a growing concern

Tahlequah Daily Press (OK) January 12, 2017 Word Count: 838

...designations imposing stifling restrictions on landowners; and immediately withdraw EPA's 'waters of the United States' rule and the Bureau of Land Management's planning 2.0 rule...

Jan. 12--As the inauguration of president-elect Donald Trump approaches, some of the nation's environmental organizations are holding their collective breath in anticipation of the new administration's approach to conservation of natural resources

676. REINS and CRA Spell Relief

Beatrice Daily Sun (Beatrice, NE) January 09, 2017 Word Count: 575

...stop implementation of the Obama administration's Waters of the U.S. rule, or WOTUS. The Senate companion to my resolution passed both the House...

While we prepare to inaugurate a new president, Congress is laying the foundation for significant regulatory relief. Throughout the Obama presidency, a main focus of our work in Congress has been pushing back against the administration's endless

677. Ending the Reign of RegulatorsGuest Column

Capital Journal (Pierre, SD) January 09, 2017 Word Count: 475

...With proposals like the controversial "Waters of the U.S." - or WOTUS - rule coming down, it is clear we need a stricter way...

Expectations are high for the 115th Congress, which was sworn in the first week of January, but I'm optimistic that we've matched those expectations with an aggressive, commonsense agenda. More importantly, there has been no hesitation in getting

678. Sen. Joni Ernst excited for new administration

Knoxville Journal-Express (Knoxville, IA) January 09, 2017 Word Count: 459

...congress is pursuing legislation for Sarah's Law, eliminating the expanded Waters of the United States rule from the Environment Protection Agency, working in her committee assignments...

...or violated the terms of their immigration status. The expanded Waters of the United States rule would give the federal government broad powers to limit pollution...

As 2017 begins, Ernst said she is excited to work with the 115th congress after she had a successful year in 2016, where five of the seven pieces of her legislation were signed into congress. Ernst is looking to "keeping that momentum going" with

679. Despite Trump denials, Ernst backs up intelligence reports on Russian hackingDespite Trump denials, Ernst backs up intelligence reports on Russian hacking.

Hawk Eye, The (Burlington, IA) January 08, 2017 Word Count: 729

...as passing Sarah's Law and halting the expansion of the Waters of the United States rule. With Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, and Nebraska's Republican senators...

...Ernst, with the Environmental Protection Agency's attempt to expand the WOTUS rule often at the forefront of the debate. "I've heard from...

"Was there information that was spread out there? Yes. That's because the DNC was hacked. And that, they (U.S. intelligence agencies) said, was done by Russia, in their estimation."

680. Ernst targeting WOTUS again in 2017

St. Joseph News-Press (MO) January 07, 2017 Word Count: 487

...Ernst continues to fight against the Waters of the U.S. **rule**--or **WOTUS**. Upon entering the Senate two years ago, the Red Oak...

(Red Oak) -- Iowa Senator Joni Ernst plans to continue attacks against what she calls "regulatory overreach" in her third year in the U.S. Senate.

681. Georgia Senate panel recommends 'path forward' for regional transit

Atlanta Business Chronicle January 06, 2017 Word Count: 491

...clean-water rule opponents charge amounts to federal overreach. The "**Waters of the United States**" **rule**, promulgated in 2015 by the Environmental Protection Agency, extends federal...

Georgia lawmakers have stopped short of proposing a regional transit system for metro Atlanta. But a state Senate study committee approved a report Dec. 29 recommending the General Assembly begin a "path forward" during this year's legislative

682. Grassley, Ernst: EPA nominee will follow fuels law

Des Moines Register, The (Des Moines, IA) January 06, 2017 Word Count: 362

...said he will take "a good hard look" at the **Waters of the United States** **rule**, now being challenged in court, Ernst said. "He's willing to...

Midwest Republican senators got reassurances from EPA chief nominee Scott Pruitt that he will "follow the law" that requires ethanol and biodiesel to be blended into the nation's fuel supply, Sens. Joni Ernst and Chuck Grassley said. Pruitt,

683. Grassley looks to move the chains on Trump's Cabinet nominees

Hawk Eye, The (Burlington, IA) January 06, 2017 Word Count: 855

...a number of important issues to lowans from scrapping the **Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule**, to our state's wind energy industry, to upholding the Renewable...

Jan. 06--U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley is committed to helping President-elect Donald Trump efficiently assemble his Cabinet, beginning with Sen. Jeff Sessions' confirmation hearing next week.As chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Iowa's

684. Ringing in reform

Daily Journal (Park Hills, MO) January 05, 2017 Word Count: 426

...up in the courts, including the Waters of the U.S. (**WOTUS**) final **rule**. Some executive actions can be undone quickly while final agency...

Ringing in the New Year is a family affair in our house. We make use of hats and noise makers leftover from birthday celebrations and crank up the music for a dance party in the family room. The dance-a-thon lasts all of 20 minutes-just long enough

685. EPA nominee has balanced view on environment, will be good for our state

Portland Press Herald (Maine) January 05, 2017 Word Count: 706

...that collects rainfall. Maine's Department of Environmental Protection opposed this **rule**, known as **WOTUS**, arguing it was not based on navigable waters, was bureaucratic...

Few states rival Maine when it comes to protecting the environment. As such, it is my hope the Senate will move swiftly this month to confirm Scott Pruitt as the next administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Doing so will ensure the

686. Livestock Industry Lays Out Federal Lands Priorities for Trump Administration

Anniston Star, The (AL) January 04, 2017 Word Count: 491

...designations imposing stifling restrictions on landowners, and immediately withdraw EPA's "**waters of the United States**" **rule** and the Bureau of Land Management's planning 2.0 rule.Long...

WASHINGTON (January 4, 2017) - The Public Lands Council and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association issued federal land management priorities for the new administration to bring responsible management and economic viability back to the Western

687. Ron Johnson urges Senate work 24/7 to cut regulations

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (WI) January 04, 2017 Word Count: 587

...hanging fruit." He has been a fierce critic of the **Waters of the United States rule**, which extends federal regulatory reach into small waterways. He also...

Ron Johnson said Wednesday that the U.S. Senate should work around-the-clock to roll back regulations pushed through by outgoing President Barack Obama's administration.

688. Donald Trump's Rural ChallengeThe president-elect ran up big margins with rural voters, but now he faces a series of tough decisions on food and agriculture policies.

National Journal Daily January 04, 2017 Word Count: 802

...with his enthusiastic support for ethanol and opposition to the **Waters of the United States rule** and other regulations. Trump has promised to get rid of...

President-elect Donald Trump's dragged-out process of selecting an Agriculture secretary signals that figuring out how to handle the segment of the United States that voted for him in the highest percentages will be a challenge for both the

689. New EPA chief Pruitt will lead an energy revolution

Orlando Sentinel January 04, 2017 Word Count: 476

...the EPA's worst rules of the past eight years - the **Waters of the United States Rule**. This **rule** was, in no uncertain terms, an expansion of federal jurisdiction...

Since President Obama took office in 2009, the Environmental Protection Agency has published more than 4,000 new rules and finalized 186 new regulations, a legacy of which no one should be proud. Collectively, the EPA's new regulations require

690. Farm Bureau ready for new legislative year

Daily Gazette (Sterling, IL) December 31, 2016 Word Count: 1480

...Among the targeted reforms is the Environmental Protection Agency's controversial **Waters of the United States**, or **WOTUS**, **rule**, which farmers will watch closely. Farmers are looking for wholesale...

Dec. 31--Amid a backdrop of political change in Washington, the Illinois Farm Bureau has set its lobbying agenda for 2017. The organization's board of directors approved its national legislative priorities list Dec. 21, but it will serve as more of

691. Farm Bureau: Decline in ag economy, regulations, tax reform top 2016 stories

Grand Island Independent, The (Grand Island, NE) December 31, 2016 Word Count: 605

...stay on the Environmental Protection Agency's "Waters of the U.S." (**WOTUS**) **rule**. If implemented, Nelson said, the regulation could have given the...

LINCOLN - The ongoing decline in Nebraska's agriculture economy was among the top agriculture stories of 2016, according to Nebraska Farm Bureau.

692. Georgia attorney general urges Trump to rescind clean-water rule

Atlanta Business Chronicle December 28, 2016 Word Count: 243

...clean-water rule opponents charge amounts to federal overreach. The " **Waters of the United States** " **rule**, promulgated in June of last year by the Environmental Protection...

Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr has joined a group of his counterparts from two dozen other states in urging President-elect Donald Trump to rescind a clean-water rule opponents charge amounts to federal overreach. The "Waters of the United

693. Oil prices, pipeline protests top 2016 energy, environment news

Fort Worth Star-Telegram (Fort Worth) December 26, 2016 Word Count: 1792

...fired power plants.) And then there was the hotly disputed **Waters of the United States rule**, which the EPA finalized in May. The stream of lawsuits...

Oil, water and weather dominated news about energy and the environment in 2016, a fitting mix for the Lone Star State. The continued slump in oil prices continued to send tremors through the state's economy, but fracking — and its side effects —

694. Oil prices, pipeline protests top 2016 energy, environment news.

Texas Tribune December 26, 2016 Word Count: 1776

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<https://www.texastribune.org/2016/12/26/oil-prices-pipeline-protests-top-2016-energy-envir/>Oil, water and weather dominated news about energy

695. Outgoing EPA chief: Science is 'fundamental to absolutely everything we do.'

Washington Post, The (Washington, D.C.) December 26, 2016 Word Count: 1173

...key role in. He's promised to get rid of the **Waters of the United States rule**. He's called what the EPA does "a disgrace." And the...

Administrator hopes incoming team preserves bedrock of solid science Gina McCarthy - Boston native, Irish Catholic, lover of Guinness beer and a good laugh - has been a central player in the Obama administration's work to reduce greenhouse gas

696. State files suit to block rule

Bismarck Tribune, The (ND) December 21, 2016 Word Count: 552

...the rule is an overreach similar to that of the **Waters of the United States rule** the state also is fighting in federal court. PSC Chairwoman...

North Dakota filed a lawsuit Tuesday against a federal law, which officials say could severely curtail coal mining operations in the state, calling it an unconstitutional overreach into state regulation of industry. The U.S. Department of the

697. Survey reveals depth of farming efforts to improve Chesapeake Bay Watershed

Daily American, The (Somerset, PA) December 21, 2016 Word Count: 826

...The President-elect talked about regulatory reform, including eliminating the **Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule**, addressing farm labor and immigration to recognize the unique challenges...

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB) is calling on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to accept the findings of an extensive survey that measures the scope of voluntary best management practices (BMPs) implemented by farmers to reduce nitrogen,

698. New administration could mean end of WOTUS rule

Capital Press (Salem, OR) December 19, 2016 Word Count: 462

...Online) 2016 WLNR 38884283 New administration could mean end of **WOTUS rule** Capital Press (Salem, OR) News...
...to just get rid of the rule because the old **WOTUS rule** is vague at best, he said. "We need a new..."

IWUA Executive Director Norm Semanko said water users are challenged by a seemingly never-ending procession of new rules but he is hopeful that could change under President-elect Donald Trump's administration.

699. Can legal activist Scott Pruitt undo clean air and water protections as head of EPA?

Columbus Telegram (NE) December 19, 2016 Word Count: 1535

...Pruitt wants to repeal the Clean Power Plan and EPA's " **Waters of the United States** " rule, which seeks to clarify the limits of federal jurisdiction to...

...dry pond in a cattle pasture in Tallula, Illinois. The **Waters of the United States Rule** seeks to clarify which waters or wetlands would trigger federal...

Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt gestures as he answers a question during a news conference in Oklahoma City, Thursday, June 13, 2013. AP Photo/Sue Ogrocki

700. Cabinet may reset the table From the Right

Daily Press (Newport News, VA) December 19, 2016 Word Count: 627

...We have reached the point where EPA bureaucrats interpret the **Waters of the United States rule** - meant to protect American waterways - to mean that when a...

Democrats spent the first two decades of the post-Cold War era rather relaxed about Russian provocations and revanchism. Yet today the Dems are in high dudgeon over the closeness of secretary of state nominee, Rex Tillerson, to Vladimir Putin. It is

701. Trump's bonfire of the federal agencies

Democrat and Chronicle (Rochester, NY) December 18, 2016 Word Count: 824

...We have reached the point where EPA bureaucrats interpret the **Waters of the United States rule** — meant to protect American waterways — to mean that when a...

"For some, this reassertion of basic constitutionalism seems extreme. If so, the Obama administration has only itself to blame. Such are the wages of eight years of liberal overreach. "Democrats spent the first two decades of the post-Cold War era

702. State looks to improve regulatory environment

Bismarck Tribune, The (ND) December 17, 2016 Word Count: 549

...fought in federal court to block. Another is the EPA's **Waters of the United States rule**, which state officials have slammed

as being unworkable for North...

State regulators are looking positively at the opportunities for what they hope is an improved federal regulatory environment next year after President-elect Donald Trump takes office."Certainly the energy policy is going to be different," North

703. Trump's incendiary Cabinet nominations

Corpus Christi Caller-Times December 17, 2016 Word Count: 625

...We have reached the point where EPA bureaucrats interpret the **Waters of the United States rule** -- meant to protect American waterways -- to mean that when a...

WASHINGTON - Democrats spent the first two decades of the post-Cold War era rather relaxed about Russian provocations and revanchism. President Obama famously mocked Mitt Romney in 2012 for suggesting that Russia was our principal geopolitical

704. Reject Trump's pick for EPA

Marietta Daily Journal (Marietta, GA) December 17, 2016 Word Count: 250

...He also lead a 30-state coalition barring the EPA's "**Waters of the United States rule**", which defines which rivers, lakes and marshes fall under the...

DEAR EDITOR:

705. Commentary: The Trump Cabinet: Bonfire of the agencies

Springfield State Journal-Register, The December 17, 2016 Word Count: 538

...We have reached the point where EPA bureaucrats interpret the **Waters of the United States rule** - meant to protect American waterways - to mean that when a...

Democrats spent the first two decades of the post-Cold War era rather relaxed about Russian provocations and revanchism. President Barack Obama famously mocked Mitt Romney in 2012 for suggesting that Russia was our principal geopolitical adversary.

706. 'Sink or swim' time for EPA under President TrumpRep. Gosar: Agency leaders will be forced to 'do what's right or suffer consequences'

WND (WorldNetDaily) December 17, 2016 Word Count: 920

...Those criticisms refer primarily to Pruitt pushing back on specific **rules** such as **Waters of the United States**, or WOTUS, and cranking up the standards on power plants...

The congressman who led the effort to impeach outgoing EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy says he is very encouraged by Donald Trump's choice to lead the agency, and he looks forward to an EPA that abides by the Constitution and a Congress that

707. Environmental Law: Donald Trump and the Environmental Agenda

Daily Record (Rochester, NY) December 16, 2016 Word Count: 1009

...view on compliance with the international consensus agreement. Similarly, the **waters of the United States rule** issued by EPA in August 2015 dramatically expands the scope...

Writing this column in December 2016, now a month past the surprising presidential election result, brings with it many uncertainties. Predicting environmental policy in new administrations is challenging under normal election conditions, but with

708. Trump's EPA Pick Crosses the Federalism DivideHow will a hard-core states' rights advocate mold Washington's approach to pollution?

National Journal Daily December 16, 2016 Word Count: 945

...power-plant pollution, limits on mercury and ozone, and the **Waters of the United States rule**. Although lawsuits against the EPA are nothing new, they've taken...

As attorney general of Oklahoma, Scott Pruitt built a career on fighting for states' rights and against what he called overreach from the Environmental Protection Agency. Now, as the potential next head of the EPA, how will a state champion play in

709. About that new BLM plan for making plans...

Capital Press (Salem, OR) December 15, 2016 Word Count: 506

...that completely overwhelm their targets. The BLM's "Planning 2.0" **rule** joins the **Waters of the United States** regulations and the Food Safety Modernization Act as telephone book...

When the Trump administration gets in the saddle Jan. 20 one of the first items on its "To Do" list should be tossing the Bureau of Land Management's new Plan for Making Plans into the dumpster.

710. A shovel to clean it up

Daily Journal (Park Hills, MO) December 15, 2016 Word Count: 767

...that not one penny is allocated to implement the disastrous **Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule**. President-elect Trump's commitment and passion to tear up so...

...This list includes disastrous threats harming rural America like the **WOTUS Rule**, efforts to shut down the coal industry, restrictions on family...

In his own words, President Obama stated "We can't wait for Congress to do its job, so where they won't act, I will" and over past eight years, that's exactly what he has done at the expense of the American people. With Obama's self-proclaimed

711. Senate Should Confirm Oklahoma Attorney General to Head EPA

Daily Sparks Tribune, The (Sparks, NV) December 15, 2016 Word Count: 755

...local governance came when he filed suit over the EPA's **WOTUS rules**. "Respect for private property rights have allowed our nation to...

After eight years of Obama appointees trying to grab dominion over every square foot of rural land in Nevada and the West, laying claim to every mud puddle, dictating how clean the air must be and generally trampling states' rights under a stampede

712. Scott Pruitt is danger to our environment

Daily Journal, The (Vineland, NJ) December 14, 2016 Word Count: 441

...rolling back 40 years of environmental progress including repealing the **Waters of the United States Rule**, which protects wetlands and prevents flooding. Trump's plan also includes...

Scott Pruitt as the next administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency will be an environmental disaster. Pruitt is an anti-environmental zealot who will wreck our environmental protections. As Oklahoma's attorney general, he's been one of

713. New EPA chief likely to impact Utah rules

Deseret Morning News December 12, 2016 Word Count: 1210

...also been among states rallying against the EPA's so-called **Waters of the United States rule**, which is characterized by opponents as one of the most...

Deseret NewsSALT LAKE CITY - President-elect Donald Trump's pick to lead the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has a host of implications for Utah, which has railed against the federal agency for

regulations on air pollution and water resources.

714. Congress always playing catch-up with Big Ag

Peoria Journal Star, The December 12, 2016 Word Count: 682

...opined. What does the controversial waters of the U.S., or **WOTUS rule** have to do with Congressional action and American reaction to...

One of the oldest truisms agriculture offers the simple, rock-solid advice that the time to close the barn door is before the cows get out. Closing the door afterwards, as everyone knows, is pointless because the cows are already long gone.

715. Stockgrowers hope Trump bodes well for beef

Billings Gazette (MT) December 10, 2016 Word Count: 644

...multistate lawsuit against the federal water policy, known as the **Waters of the United States rule**, or **WOTUS**. "I think we're encouraged by these things, but we're not..."

Montana's largest ranching group sees big post-election changes on the horizon as the Donald Trump presidency begins and state lawmakers start new terms in 2017. Gene Curry, the outgoing president of Montana Stockgrowers Association, told The

716. EPA pick makes waves

Desert Sun, The (Palm Springs, CA) December 10, 2016 Word Count: 1907

...smog that crosses state lines. He sued over the agency's "**waters of the United States rule**", which expands the number of waterways covered by the Clean...

With his choice of administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency, Donald Trump shattered any hope that he would moderate his stance on climate change. Scott Pruitt, the Oklahoma attorney general, has spent six years waging war against the

717. EXECUTIVE ORDERS: Capito, 22 other senators ask Obama to stop issuing rules

Mineral Daily News-Tribune (Keyser, WV) December 10, 2016 Word Count: 419

...stands between Americans and financial success. Whether it is the **Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule** unfairly burdening our farmers and ranchers, the anti-coal rules...

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) joined 22 of her Senate colleagues in sending a letter to President Obama requesting his administration stop issuing non-emergency rules and regulations in the final weeks of his term.

718. Words of our local legislators

McPherson Sentinel (McPherson, KS) December 09, 2016 Word Count: 754

...stands between Americans and financial success. "Whether it is the Waters of the United States rule unfairly burdening our farmers and ranchers, the anti-coal rules...

SEN. JERRY MORAN

719. Will a weakened EPA set environmental justice back?

Columbus Telegram (NE) December 08, 2016 Word Count: 1298

...during the Obama administration, including the Clean Power Plan, the Waters of the United States rule and standards on toxic and interstate air pollution. Given Pruitt's...

President-elect Donald Trump on Dec. 7 nominated Scott Pruitt to head the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Pruitt has close ties with the fossil fuel industry and has been an ardent critic of the agency. As attorney general of Oklahoma, Pruitt

720. Trump appoints EPA critic to head environmental agencyPresident-elect Donald Trump has selected Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt to head the Environmental Protection Agency.

Israel National News (Israel) December 08, 2016 Word Count: 287

...administration's Clean Power Plan to combat climate change and the Waters of the United States rule to prevent pollution of America's waterways. Critics called the Waters of the United States rule charged that the rule constituted a land grab by the...

President-elect Donald Trump has selected Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt to head the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

721. Pruitt for EPA chief; Ferate and Hunter seek AG's job

Journal Record (Oklahoma City, OK) December 07, 2016 Word Count: 740

...interests, particularly with the Obama administration's Clean Power Plan and **Waters of the United States rules**. Pruitt has used EPA standards for Oklahoma's gain, however, particularly...

OKLAHOMA CITY – Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt could be the nation's next chief environmental regulator, leading an agency he has sued several times and has said should act more like a baseball umpire.

722. Trump names Scott Pruitt, Oklahoma attorney general suing EPA on climate change, to head the EPA

WashingtonPost.com December 07, 2016 Word Count: 1923

...the federal government in regulating pollution of rivers under the **Waters of the United States rule**. Sen. Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.), who has been active...

President-elect Donald Trump on Thursday nominated Scott Pruitt, the attorney general of the oil and gas-intensive state of Oklahoma, to head the Environmental Protection Agency, a move signaling an assault on President Obama's climate change and

723. Carter, Perdue and Deal speak to Farm Bureau on Jekyll Island

Brunswick News, The (GA) December 06, 2016 Word Count: 618

...see the Affordable Care Act repealed and replaced, alter the **Waters of the United States rules** to benefit Georgia, get the Keystone Pipeline approved and repeal...

Dec. 06--A Governor, a Congressman and a Senator spoke to a gathering of farmers and agricultural business people Monday on Jekyll Island when U.S. Rep. Buddy Carter, R-1, U.S. Sen. David Perdue, R-Ga., and Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal offered remarks

724. What's in store for the Trump Administration's first 100 days?

Farm Forum (Aberdeen, SD) December 06, 2016 Word Count: 1344

...high on the new administration's priority list, starting with the "**waters of the United States**" (**WOTUS**) **rule**. He also expects the administration will kill EPA's greenhouse house...

President elect Donald Trump will be sworn in on Jan. 20th and take office with Republican majorities in both the House and the Senate. That should make it easier to deliver on the rather lengthy list of actions that he has pledged to take during

725. Republican lawmakers discuss upcoming session

Register-Herald, The (Beckley, WV) December 06, 2016 Word Count: 843

...Protection Rule as having curtailed mining. Capito also mentioned the **Waters of the United States Rule**, which is currently stayed in the Sixth Circuit Court of...

CHARLESTON - U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito says the message of the recent general election was clear. It is time for Republicans to govern.

726. The RFS: A ticking time bomb for corn ethanol

Farm Forum (Aberdeen, SD) December 05, 2016 Word Count: 748

...the EPA. From the RFS, to pesticide regulations, to the **Waters of the United States Rule** (**WOTUS**), the agency makes it impossible to run our businesses and...

Most every farmer and rancher in South Dakota and across the U.S. is familiar with the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), a program created by Congress in 2005 in an effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reduce reliance on foreign oil by

727. 3 experts: Rosemont OK under Trump nota done deal

Arizona Daily Star (AZ) December 04, 2016 Word Count: 1544

...back on its feet and vowed to overturn President Obama's **Waters of the United States rule** that ensures federal protection of waterways. However, the Rosemont outcome...

On its face, the ascension of Donald Trump to the White House should be a boon for the long-delayed \$1.5 billion Rosemont Mine, which would be this country's third-largest copper mine. But it's not that simple, say three outside experts who have

728. Dairy group head wants immigrant labor, access to foreign markets

Times-News (Twin Falls, ID) December 04, 2016 Word Count: 604

...is also glad that Donald Trump's win means the EPA's "**waters of the United States**" rule, a clean-waters rule extending federal environmental protections to streams...

Dec. 04--TWIN FALLS -- What federal immigration and trade policy will look like in 2017, and how they will affect the dairy industry in Idaho, are still big question marks. But the head of the Idaho Dairymen's Association hopes some of the

729. Table of Experts: Energy regulation

Denver Business Journal December 01, 2016 Word Count: 2915

...externally. Q: What is the Waters of the U.S. or **WOTUS rule**? How does it affect Western strategy and industry? Paul: The...

...to expand the scope of the federal jurisdiction. This latest **rule**, **WOTUS**, is in response to the last Supreme Court's fractured opinion...

Question: What are some of the major regulatory challenges and opportunities for Colorado's energy industry?
Bill Owens, Senior Director, 40th Governor of Colorado : To put this into perspective, you must understand what Colorado's energy industry

730. With workers in tight supply, Florida growers worry about Trump's immigration plans

Naples Daily News (Naples, FL) December 01, 2016 Word Count: 871

...Army Corps of Engineers' Clean Water Rule, also known as **Waters of the United States**. The **rule** made some small waterways, such as wetlands and streams, subject...

Dec. 01--For local growers, Donald Trump's election as the nation's next president could be terrific or terrible, depending largely on how he deals with immigration reform. Aggressive deportation tactics and more secure borders could dry up the

731. Regulations, low commodity prices are key challenges for Iowa ag

Des Moines Register, The (Des Moines, IA) November 30, 2016 Word Count: 627

...on private land under the proposed Waters of the U.S. (**WOTUS**) **rule**. In fact, **WOTUS** would expand EPA's jurisdiction to almost 97 percent of the...

...Iowans' fight to the United States Senate to eliminate the **WOTUS rule** in its entirety. My legislation passed through Congress with bipartisan...

As the nation's leading producer of pork, corn, soybeans, and eggs, Iowa's agriculture industry has an enormous impact on the country and the world. This October, I visited over a dozen ag businesses, including family farms, to hear about the true

732. Tom Vilsack's Parting AdviceThe outgoing Agriculture secretary says his successors need to make sure farmers and ranchers get a voice in controversial debates, and Democrats m...

National Journal Daily November 30, 2016 Word Count: 882

...a limit to Vilsack's approach. He did not mention the **Waters of the United States rule** that the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps...

The outgoing Agriculture secretary says his successors need to make sure farmers and ranchers get a voice in controversial debates, and Democrats must listen more in rural areas. As he leaves office, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has a new job

733. Rule simplifies the management of water

Leavenworth Times, The (Leavenworth, KS) November 29, 2016 Word Count: 503

...a news article recently in which he derided the proposed Waters of the United States rule from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In it he specifically...

I find it unfortunate that Sen. Moran posted a news article recently in which he derided the proposed Waters of the United States rule from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In it he specifically stated that the rule would regulate farm

734. Westmoreland County dairy farmer re-elected as the President of Pennsylvania Farm Bureau for new term

Farmer's Friend, The (Towanda, PA) November 25, 2016 Word Count: 361

...fight to ensure that the Environmental Protection Agency's disastrous WOTUS (Waters of the United States) rule does not go into effect and will also engage in...

Hershey - Westmoreland County dairy farmer Richard "Rick" Ebert has been re-elected President of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB). Voting delegates from PFB's 54 county Farm Bureaus selected Ebert, who has served as PFB's president since November

735. When rural America shines COLUMN

McPherson Sentinel (McPherson, KS) November 25, 2016 Word Count: 639

...common farm-related tasks, to the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed Waters of the United States rule to regulate ponds and ditches, it feels as though for...

Thanksgiving is a time to gather together and count our many blessings. We take a day away from the hustle and bustle - and our all-consuming busyness - to pause and reflect on the things for which we are grateful.

736. Wicker calls for repeal of costly rules

Picayune Item, The (Picayune, MS) November 24, 2016 Word Count: 606

...regulations. The agency's costly and overreaching "waters of the U.S." (**WOTUS**) **rule**, for example, would force farmers, ranchers, home builders, property owners...
...of water as small as ditches and ponds. The disastrous **WOTUS rule** has been tied up in litigation, but a new Republican...

The new Congress and White House will soon have an opportunity to roll back harmful regulations set forth by the Obama Administration - in particular those that have devastated job growth. In August, the American Action Forum - a nonprofit policy

737. Iowa reps, senators ask Trump to scrap water rule

Gazette, The (Cedar Rapids, IA) November 22, 2016 Word Count: 488

...President-elect Donald Trump, urging him to scrap the controversial **Waters of the United States rule** when he takes office in January. Calling the Environmental Protection Agency's **WOTUS rule** "an economic assault on small businesses, manufacturing and agriculture," the...

Nov. 22--Five of Iowa's six members of Congress have written President-elect Donald Trump, urging him to scrap the controversial Waters of the United States rule when he takes office in January. Calling the Environmental Protection Agency's WOTUS

738. FROM THE CAPITOL: Shuster, Gibbs urge action on defunding WOTUS

Record Herald, The (Waynesboro, PA) November 22, 2016 Word Count: 409

...construction companies to homeowners and countless groups in between, this **WOTUS rule** will make it harder for ordinary Americans to do business...

Joined by 64 colleagues from both sides of the aisle, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Bill Shuster, and Congressman Bob Gibbs, Chairman of the Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee, sent a letter to Congressional leaders

739. Democracy works; change should result

Atlanta Journal and Constitution (GA) November 20, 2016 Word Count: 528

...the free-enterprise system. We can repeal the EPA's onerous **Waters of the United States rule** and Clean Power Plan that devastated the coal and utility...

Democracy is working, but it didn't start in Washington. It started here, back home in the states. We have seen a growing grassroots movement seeking change at every level of government -- local statehouses, Congress and now the White House.

740. DEQ leader's letter to Trump prompts quick backlash State leader's letter to Trump draws backlash from environmental groups: Environmental groups a...

Winston-Salem Journal (NC) November 20, 2016 Word Count: 1072

...letter to Trump were the Clean Power Plan and the **Waters of the United States**, or **WOTUS**, rule. The **WOTUS rule** aims to protect wetlands areas. The Clean Power Plan sets...

...states filed lawsuits against the Clean Power Plan and the **WOTUS rule**. As a result, the U.S. Supreme Court stayed implementation of...

DEQ leader's letter to Trump prompts quick backlash State leader's letter to Trump draws backlash from environmental groups: Environmental groups aghast at his call for easing federal involvement, 'burdensome' regulationDoes the federal government

741. Trump administration eases regulation concerns, co-op head says

Sierra Vista Herald (Sierra Vista, AZ) November 19, 2016 Word Count: 704

...previous ruling has exempted Arizona from complying with the new **Waters of the United States rules**, for now, but the fear was that could change as...

SIERRA VISTA - The election of president-elect Donald Trump has provided a renewed sense of optimism among utility providers fighting against new EPA regulations, the head of Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative said Friday.

742. OTHER VOICES: Prospects for ag trade expansion under Trump are bleak

Sioux City Journal (Sioux City, IA) November 19, 2016 Word Count: 361

...Trump has promised, for example, to kill the controversial new **Waters of the United States rules** from the Environmental Protection Agency. But prospects for more agricultural...

It's appropriate that Gov. Pete Ricketts and Nebraska ag leaders celebrate the successes in their trade mission to China.

743. Sluggish economy can be jump-started by revamping EPATRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Kirkville Daily Express (Kirkville, MO) November 18, 2016 Word Count: 677

...policymaker, pushing regulations such as the Mercury and Air Toxics **rule**, the **Waters of the United States rule**, and the

Clean Power Plan, all of which have either...

Editor's note: The writer is addressing the question, "As president, should Donald Trump rein in the Environmental Protection Agency?"

744. Trump could be mixed bag for ag

Williston Daily Herald (Williston, ND) November 18, 2016 Word Count: 1098

...We have worked successfully in the Senate to prevent the **WOTUS rule** from being implemented year to year but now we have...

Farmers are sitting on top of a pile of problems this year, and the roadmap that President-elect Donald Trump will follow to address them is as yet still anyone's guess.

745. Climate policy to be set by Trump, but not by him aloneBarack Obama showed how a president can wield broad power over environmental policy. But with a majority of Americans concerned about climate change...

Christian Science Monitor (USA) November 17, 2016 Word Count: 1660

...the top ones are the Clean Power Plan and the "**Waters of the United States**" rule – which interprets the Clean Water Act as applying to all...

...pollutants and regulated by the Clean Air Act, and the "**Waters of the United States**" rule – reviled by some conservatives who see it as an overreach...

Barack Obama showed how a president can wield broad power over environmental policy. But with a majority of Americans concerned about climate change, other forces are also influential. For environmentalists and climate activists, the dangers of a

746. A new Washington

York News-Times (York, NE) November 17, 2016 Word Count: 603

...back the Environmental Protection Agency's dangerous Waters of the U.S. rule (**WOTUS**) and supporting the Renewable Fuel Standard. He has also called...

The American people have spoken, and the power structure in Washington, D.C., has been turned on its head.

747. Locals: Trump will help economy

Baker City Herald (Baker City, OR) November 16, 2016 Word Count: 837

...pleased by Trump's stated position on issues such as the **Waters of the United States rule**, which critics contend could give the government regulatory authority over...

Nov. 16--Some ranchers and miners in Northeastern Oregon are optimistic that the Trump administration will ease federal regulations they say have hampered their industries and harmed the region's economy. Local elected officials had a similar

748. What will Trump's election mean for Georgia?

Forsyth County News (Cumming, GA) November 16, 2016 Word Count: 736

...will quickly repeal Obamacare, the Clean Power Plan, and the "**Waters of the United States**" water quality **rule**. They will also approve the Keystone oil pipeline that would...

For both Georgia and the United States as a whole, the election of Donald Trump as president is going to mean some major changes in our lives.

749. Rural America's Wish List for TrumpThe regions that made the difference for Donald Trump are now eager to see what he does on agriculture, infrastructure, and a host of other priorit...

National Journal Daily November 16, 2016 Word Count: 857

...for Trump to deliver should be relief from the hated **Waters of the United States rule** and other Environmental Protection Agency regulations. But EPA also controls...

The regions that made the difference for Donald Trump are now eager to see what he does on agriculture, infrastructure, and a host of other priorities. The defeat of Rep. Tim Huelskamp in the Kansas Republican primary in August and the enormous

750. Agriculture set to reap what it helped sow

San Antonio Express-News November 16, 2016 Word Count: 1222

...and ranching states like Texas say it, the EPA's recast **rule** on **Waters of the United States**, or WOTUS, was the poster child of an "out of...

If the 64 members of Donald Trump's agricultural advisory committee hold any sway, the New York billionaire heads into his presidency with a pro-farmer agenda near and dear to many in the flyover states that elected him, campaign talking points

751. Oil billionaire and lawmaker on Trump list for energy post

Calgary Herald (Canada) November 15, 2016 Word Count: 268

...from the extraction and burning of fossil fuels, including the "waters of the United States" rule and ozone regulations. Trump calls climate change a "hoax" perpetrated...

An oil billionaire, a North Dakota lawmaker and a former Bush administration official are being considered to run Donald Trump's Energy Department, according to transition planning documents obtained by The Associated Press. The documents, which are

752. Farm Bureau says it looks forward to working with Trump

Reading Eagle (PA) November 15, 2016 Word Count: 593

...the table. Trump had said he wanted to eliminate the Waters of the United States rule, known as WOTUS, and recognize the farming community's challenges when addressing farm labor and immigration. WOTUS, a 2015 rule by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, would impose stricter controls...

Nov. 15--Hershey, PAHERSHEY -- The president of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau said he looks forward to working with President-elect Donald Trump's administration.

753. State ag leaders look to Trump for change

Columbus Telegram (NE) November 14, 2016 Word Count: 668

...Obama administration regulations, like the controversial Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule and Clean Power Plan. Conservative ag leaders derided WOTUS -- which...

With the presidential election in the rear-view mirror, rural Nebraska, which overwhelmingly backed President-elect Donald Trump, hopes its support will be remembered and rewarded.

754. Agriculture commissioner-elect questions new Huntington center

Herald-Dispatch, The (Huntington, WV) November 14, 2016 Word Count: 622

...the Clean Water Rule, which has also been called the Waters of the United States rule, say it was designed to allow the federal government to...

HUNTINGTON - In late June, West Virginia's first crop aggregation facility officially opened in Huntington's West End. With the election of a new state Agriculture Commissioner, the facility's future could be short-lived.

755. Hamm under consideration for Trump's energy secretary

Norman Transcript, The (Norman, OK) November 14, 2016 Word Count: 561

...from the extraction and burning of fossil fuels, including the "waters of the United States" rule and ozone regulations. Trump calls climate change a "hoax" perpetrated...

WASHINGTON - An oil billionaire, a North Dakota lawmaker and a former Bush administration official are being considered to run Donald Trump's Energy Department, according to transition planning documents obtained by The Associated Press.

756. Inslee, state legislators ponder changes coming from D.C.

Seattle Times (WA) November 12, 2016 Word Count: 632

...said regulations considered onerous by some - such as an EPA rule known as Waters of the United States - could be rolled back. "We don't have to talk about...

OLYMPIA - A President-elect Donald Trump means big changes could be coming to health care, immigration policy, spending and government regulations.

757. Trump threat fires up climate activists, draws in more

Seattle Post-Intelligencer (WA) November 11, 2016 Word Count: 717

...Trump is likely to target the Clean Power Plan and Waters of the United States rules during his first 100 days in office. Dan Farber, an...

Seattle financial worker Harrison Karlewicz had been considering joining an environmental activist group for a while. The day after Donald Trump won the White House, he signed up.

758. Trump on ag

Capital Press (Salem, OR) November 10, 2016 Word Count: 931

...is expected to nullify the controversial "waters of the U.S." rule, or WOTUS, which groups such as AFBF and the National Milk Producers...

With the surprise election of Donald Trump to the U.S. presidency, agriculture groups expect the reversal of environmental policies enacted under the Obama administration.

759. Trump could have a profound impact on the economy -- or not

Houston Chronicle November 10, 2016 Word Count: 1117

...encouraged by Trump's talk of repealing regulations such as the **Waters of the United States Rule**, which defines which rivers and lakes fall under the jurisdiction...

Nov. 10--Houston's economic elite gathered at the River Oaks Country Club on Wednesday for a meal of grilled chicken and asparagus and an update from local economists. The first question from the audience was about the previous night's election:

760. STRAIGHT TALKWITH SAM

Linn County Leader (Brookfield, MO) November 10, 2016 Word Count: 252

...Protection Act, which forces the EPA to withdraw its outrageous **Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule**. But none of that is good enough unless we deny...

As the national debt continues to climb, the power of federal agencies in Washington grows with it. Part of the problem is the never ending string of rules and regulations coming from groups like the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

761. TAKING STOCK OF FUTURE Ag leaders look ahead to working with Trump

Omaha World-Herald (NE) November 10, 2016 Word Count: 1330

...Hesser said. Trump's campaign promises to repeal regulations like the **Waters of the United States rule** "would definitely be positive" for farmers and ranchers in Nebraska...

...despite revisions that federal officials say would exempt agriculture. The **Waters of the United States rule** is "the one thing that probably gets our members most..."

Midlands agricultural leaders are optimistic a Trump administration will boost their industries by backing off on environmental regulations they say stifle business.

762. Bedke, Hill hope Trump win means more states' rights emphasis

Times-News (Twin Falls, ID) November 10, 2016 Word Count: 447

...said. House Speaker Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, pointed to the "**Waters of the United States rule**", an expansion of the Environmental Protection Agency's regulatory authority much...

Nov. 10--Idaho's House and Senate leaders hope a Donald Trump presidency will mean a shift of more power to the states and away from the federal government."As a candidate, Mr. Trump has been a defender of states' rights and states' sovereignty,"

763. How the election may affect the Supreme Court's current docketYesterday's election will influence the work of the Supreme Court in obvious and not-so-obvious ways.

WashingtonPost.com November 09, 2016 Word Count: 426

...as the challenges to the Clean Power Plan and the **Waters of the United States rule** may also disappear if, as expected, the administration follows through...

There's no question that the election of Donald Trump as the 45th president will have an influence on the Supreme Court. In all likelihood, President Trump's nominee will replace Justice Antonin Scalia on the court sometime next year. In addition,

764. After killings, gun issues arise in debate

Des Moines Register, The (Des Moines, IA) November 05, 2016 Word Count: 970

...need clean water, but he doesn't support the federal government's **Waters of the United States rule** that defines which rivers, streams, lakes and marshes fall under...

U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley and Democratic challenger Patty Judge offered sympathy Friday to families of two slain Des Moines-area police officers and suggestions to curb gun violence in their second and final debate before Election Day. The two

765. Gun issues surface in U.S. Senate debate

Iowa City Press-Citizen (Iowa City, IA) November 05, 2016 Word Count: 1214

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DES MOINES, Ia. — U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley and Democratic challenger Patty Judge offered sympathy Friday to families of two slain Des Moines-area police officers and suggestions to curb gun violence in their second and final debate before Election

766. Patrick Morrisey Attorney General

Register-Herald, The (Beckley, WV) November 04, 2016 Word Count: 1266

...states to challenge and win a stay against the EPA " **Waters of the United States" rule**, a significant victory for homeowners, farmers, and businesses across the...

Bio: A product of a working-class family, I developed a hard work ethic early on in life. My dad was a World War II veteran and my mom was a Veterans Administration nurse. I put myself through school, earning my B.A. from Rutgers College in 1989

767. Candidates engage in high-dollar U.S. Senate race

St. Joseph News-Press (MO) November 04, 2016 Word Count: 800

...back against what he considers excessive federal regulations, including the Waters of the United States rule and clean-air standards that he fears will increase Missouri...

Nov. 04--Races for the U.S. Senate have become a growth business, if one of limited life. And the Missouri campaign has done its part to pump up the spending. Incumbent Republican Roy Blunt and Democratic challenger Jason Kander have embarked on a

768. Editorial: Inhofe concerned over OSHA regulations

Duncan Banner, The (OK) November 02, 2016 Word Count: 503

...in its regulatory assault against American industry. Whether it's the Waters of the United States rule, the Clean Power Plan, or this rule affecting agriculture retailers...

Editor,

769. Berks farmers weigh candidates' views on trade, immigration, regulations

Reading Eagle (PA) November 02, 2016 Word Count: 1745

...farmers, is the so-called "Waters of United States," or WOTUS, rule change. The rule is in effect in Pennsylvania but under...

Nov. 02--Doug Sattazahn can't decide who he wants for president. What makes the decision even more difficult is that the 32-year-old, third-generation Marion Township dairy farmer isn't hearing much talk from the candidates on farm issues. He is not

770. Burrows: Affordable health care is top priority

Lubbock Avalanche-Journal (Lubbock, TX) November 01, 2016 Word Count: 923

...particularly worried about the implications of the Environmental Protection Agency's Waters of the United States rule, which defines which bodies of surface water fall under its...

Nov. 01--BROWNFIELD -- Rep. Dustin Burrows is pleased he helped pass an agriculture lien law inspired by the 2014 guar fiasco. Now, the state lawmaker's next main priority is reining in health care spending.

771. Palazzo deserving of our support

Sun Herald (Biloxi, MS) November 01, 2016 Word Count: 231

...impacting the state's farms and small businesses, such as the **Waters of the United States rule**, which would allow the federal government to further regulate "navigable..."

In October, the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation, the state's largest general farm organization, held a recognition dinner for Congressman Steven Palazzo and presented him with a "Friend of Farm Bureau" Award for his service to the farming

772. Tipton balances usage of public lands

Journal, The (Cortez, Dolores, Mancos, CO) October 31, 2016 Word Count: 243

...community had serious concerns with the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed **Waters of the United States rule** that would have greatly increased its jurisdiction over small bodies...

I was thrilled to see that U.S. Rep. Scott Tipton has received the official endorsement of the Colorado Farm Bureau.

773. Let me be perfectly clear, farmers need to vote Trump

Macon Telegraph (GA) October 30, 2016 Word Count: 584

...GA Georgia NorthAmerica 3591 Word Count: 584 "I support the **Waters of the United States Rule**, but know we have to work with all stakeholders to...

"I support the Waters of the United States Rule, but know we have to work with all stakeholders to ensure its common sense implementation." Before all my farm, forestry and landowner friends, including many conservative Democrats, launch a petition

774. Meet GOP doctor fighting for Harry Reid's seat' Most critical issue is to ensure we have a Republican majority in the U.S. Senate'

WND (WorldNetDaily) October 29, 2016 Word Count: 1213

...protected federal status for the sage grouse and against the Waters of the United States, or WOTUS, Rule. "A dry irrigation ditch on a farm, once it has...

Senate Republicans are playing a lot of defense in the 2016 election cycle, but their brightest hope for winning a seat held by Democrats not only buoys GOP hopes for keeping a majority but has the party on the brink of capturing the seat held by

775. General Rutledge takes on the Feds

Arkansas Times October 27, 2016 Word Count: 3154

...It did not. Rutledge also called "devastating" the EPA's proposed Waters of the United States rule to clarify what bodies of water fall under the Clean...

Promises more in 2018 America was introduced to our Attorney General Leslie Rutledge this summer and fall as she appeared on TV as a surrogate for Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump. A nation cringed (with the exception of true Trump

776. EPA shows disdain for biofuels

Grand Island Independent, The (Grand Island, NE) October 26, 2016 Word Count: 284

...that hurt farmers and local economies with policies like the Waters of the United States Rule (WOTUS) and restrictive ozone rules. Now the EPA is at it...

Several weeks ago The Independent published an editorial, "Biofuel use expansion critical to Nebraska," on biofuel expansion. For the past couple of years, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has shown a heightened disdain for farmers. The

777. EPA should let free market work

Cincinnati Enquirer, The (Cincinnati, OH) October 24, 2016 Word Count: 608

...overburdening regulations it has put in place. For example, the Waters of the United States rule regulates the puddles in farmers' and ranchers' back yards. The...

One measure of good government is how easy it is to spot the long-term benefits of a policy or law. This is particularly true when it comes to being good stewards of Americans' tax dollars. If a local government is going to spend \$1,000 to fill its

778. Forum tackles ag, rural issues

Des Moines Register, The (Des Moines, IA) October 20, 2016 Word Count: 610

...disagreeing on the future of the estate tax and the "Waters of the United States" rule. Kathleen Merrigan, former deputy agriculture secretary, spoke on behalf of...

WASHINGTON — Aides to Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton said Wednesday the presidential candidates both oppose splitting the farm bill and the pending Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal, while disagreeing on the future of the estate tax and the

779. SENATORIAL UPDATEHarvest time

Syracuse Journal-Democrat (Syracuse, NE) October 20, 2016 Word Count: 697

...I also continue to hold the EPA accountable for its "Waters of the United States" or WOTUS rule that threatens the economic security of Nebraska's farm families. I...

...from the agriculture community, about the negative effects of the WOTUS rule. Finally, I am committed to supporting a strong crop insurance...

This time of year, you often hear the steady hum of combines working late into the night.

780. Hoeven touts successes in second run for Senate

Bismarck Tribune, The (ND) October 16, 2016 Word Count: 468

...Hoeven also has fought to stop the Environmental Protection Agency's Waters of the United States rule. He says the rule is an overstep by the federal...

If elected to a second term, Sen. John Hoeven, R-N.D., said people can expect more of his North Dakota common-sense approach to legislating at the federal level. Hoeven, 59, likened a campaign to a lengthy job interview. He has crisscrossed the

781. AG Candidates Tout Experience, Promise to Help People

State Journal, The (WV) October 14, 2016 Word Count: 2979

...U.S. Supreme Court, against Obama's power plan and against his Waters of the United States rule. Unfortunately, my opponent co-sponsored legislation that would have prevented...

Aside from the race for governor, the race for West Virginia Attorney General is the most hotly contested of the upcoming general election. Four candidates are vying for the seat: incumbent Republican Attorney General Patrick Morrisey; Democrat

782. Inhofe touts right to farm

Altus Times (Altus, OK) October 12, 2016 Word Count: 418

...the Environmental Protection Agency or EPA, concerning the Clean Water Rule: WOTUS or Waters of the United States. Many fear that if WOTUS is passed, water features on...

U.S. Sen. James Inhofe (R-Tulsa) paid a visit to Altus on Wednesday to meet with local farmers and policymakers concerning State Question 777, Oklahoma's Right to Farm Amendment that will be on the ballot Nov. 8.

783. Sen. Ernst defends stance on Trump, meets with voters at small town diner

Hawk Eye, The (Burlington, IA) October 12, 2016 Word Count: 765

...Agency's proposed expansion of the Waters of the U.S., or WOTUS, rule. According to a Farm Bureau analysis, an expanded definition of the WOTUS rule broadens EPA jurisdiction to more than 97 percent of land...

Oct. 12--KEOSAUQUA -- Speaking to a crowded diner in Van Buren County, U.S. Sen. Joni Ernst was content to avoid talking about the presidential election, until prompted by an audience question. Ernst was asked to clarify her position on GOP

784. Your Views Monday, Oct. 10

Oklahoman October 10, 2016 Word Count: 581

...how they regulate local energy resources. Then there is the WOTUS rule, in which the administration inappropriately collaborated with radical environmentalists in...

Protecting farmersSome people think the "Right to Farm" vote on November's ballot is unnecessary, but they don't see what I've seen in my years of public service.

785. Farm Bill talk sprouts early

Williston Daily Herald (Williston, ND) October 09, 2016 Word Count: 947

...back on regulatory actions such as the Environmental Protection Agency's "waters of the United States" rules and the more recent OSHA attempt to treat retail fertilizer...

The ink is barely dry on \$7 billion in 2015 payments from the 2014 farm bill's market-based programs to assist farmers with low prices, but the adequacy of both Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage

payments likely to be a hot topic for

786. WOTUS evaluated by U.S. Senate committee

Daily News, The (Bowling Green, KY) October 03, 2016 Word Count: 609

...the EPA and the Corps regarding the scope of the **WOTUS rule** and its exemptions to the positions taken by these agencies...

...District Court of Appeals issued a nationwide stay of the **WOTUS rule**. The fight is anticipated to eventually end up before the...

A recent U.S. Senate committee report details the potential federal overreach of codifying the much-debated "Waters of the United States," or WOTUS. The codification, which has been stayed right now because of litigation, would give the U.S.

787. In Miami congressional race, Democrats mislead in attack on Carlos Curbelo about environment

Miami Herald (FL) September 30, 2016 Word Count: 1103

...bodies of water fall under its jurisdiction. Curbelo thought the "**Waters of the United States rule**" was too vague and it was later stayed by the...

While Miami Republican Rep. Carlos Curbelo portrays himself as an environmentalist, the Democratic Party says he is no treehugger and is aligned with Donald Trump."Republican Carlos Curbelo and Donald Trump's ideas about the environment are more

788. DEMOCRATS MISLEAD IN ATTACK ON CARLOS CURBELO'S RECORD ON CLIMATE CHANGE, DRILLING

Tampa Bay Times (FL) September 29, 2016 Word Count: 1362

...bodies of water fall under its jurisdiction. Curbelo thought the "**Waters of the United States rule**" was too vague and it was later stayed by the...

Says Miami Congressman Carlos "Curbelo supports drilling offshore" and "repeatedly voted against President Obama's ability to fight pollution and combat climate change."

789. Washington watchdog gives What's Upstream more time

Capital Press (Salem, OR) September 28, 2016 Word Count: 602

...partly a response to the EPA's promotion of the new **Waters of the United States rule**. The U.S. Government Accountability Office found the EPA's use of...

What's Upstream has until Oct. 17 to answer allegations that the federally funded campaign for new limits on Washington agriculture should have registered as a grass-roots lobbying organization, a spokeswoman for the Washington Public Disclosure

790. Senate report says WOTUS expanding federal control

Capital Press (Salem, OR) September 26, 2016 Word Count: 503

...expanding federal control over land and water based on their "**waters of the United States rule**" - which has been stayed in federal court. Committee Chairmen Sen...

...in a statement. "While EPA has consistently claimed that the **WOTUS rule** preserves the exemptions for normal farming and ranching activities, their...

The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works last week released a 38-page report it says details how EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers are already expanding federal control over land and water based on their "waters of the United States"

791. Nevada Attorney General Hits the Road to Listen to Constituents

Daily Sparks Tribune, The (Sparks, NV) September 26, 2016 Word Count: 735

...attorney general's office also has been actively involved in the **waters of the United States (WOTUS) rules** that were being promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency and...

Thomas Mitchell

792. Charter schools, power plants, a movieBEST OF THE BLOGS

Enterprise, The (Brockton, MA) September 25, 2016 Word Count: 542

...would curb the emissions of greenhouse gases, [2] eliminate the **Waters of the United States Rule** that would protect people from water pollution, [3] slash the...

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793. Close the barn doorToo little, too latefor ag-chem mergers

Pantagraph (Bloomington, IL) September 25, 2016 Word Count: 715

...opined. What does the controversial waters of the U.S., or **WOTUS**, **rule** have to do with congressional action and American reaction to...

One of the oldest truisms agriculture offers is the simple, rock-solid advice that the time to close the barn door is before the cows get out. Closing the door afterward, as everyone knows, is pointless because the cows already are long gone

794. Senate report highlights EPA enforcement of WOTUS rule

Star-Herald (Scottsbluff, NE) September 25, 2016 Word Count: 415

...Online) 2016 WLNR 29166077 Senate report highlights EPA enforcement of **WOTUS** **rule** National Cattlemen's Beef Association Star-Herald (Scottsbluff, NE) Farm Ranch...

...of Appeals continues their nationwide stay on enforcement of EPA's " **waters of the United States**" final **rule**, the report demonstrates that EPA is in fact, enforcing the **WOTUS** **rule** and expanding jurisdiction beyond congressional intent. National Cattlemen's Beef Association...

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Tuesday, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee released their report highlighting examples of EPA illegally asserting jurisdiction over features traditionally exempt from the Clean Water Act. Despite the fact that the

795. Charter schools, power plants, a movie

Patriot Ledger, The (Quincy, MA) September 24, 2016 Word Count: 523

...would curb the emissions of greenhouse gases, 2 eliminate the **Waters of the United States Rule** that would protect people from water pollution, 3 slash the...

Our stories on a variety of topics draw comments from many online readers.

796. Rep. Newhouse seeking answers on anti-farmer campaign

Columbia Basin Herald (Moses Lake, WA) September 22, 2016 Word Count: 413

...the Antideficiency Act and federal appropriations law by promoting the **Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule**, followed so closely by the revelation of misuse of funds...

...advocacy laws by funding social media campaigns that supported the **WOTUS Rule**. In response to the controversy surrounding federal agency misconduct, Newhouse...

Sept. 22--WASHINGTON D.C. -- Fourth Congressional District Rep. Dan Newhouse, R-Yakima, is looking for

answers from the Environmental Protection Agency in regard to the agency's review of an anti-farmer campaign in Washington. On Tuesday Newhouse

797. Inhofe calls on Democrats to join him in fighting EPA on regulating puddles, potholes

Washington Times (DC) September 21, 2016 Word Count: 673

...to expand the reach of the Waters of the U.S. [**WOTUS**] rule. "This new majority committee report demonstrates in detail that the...

...A federal court placed a stay Oct. 9 on the **WOTUS** rule pending the outcome of a lawsuit filed by 32 states...

The Environmental Protection Agency has insisted that it has no plans to regulate puddles, ditches and permafrost in the name of the Clean Water Act, but that's not what Senate Republicans have found.

798. Illegal drugs, lack of jobs the focus of state Attorney General race

Herald-Dispatch, The (Huntington, WV) September 19, 2016 Word Count: 1508

...major litigation efforts against President Obama's illegal Power Plan and **Waters of the United States** rule. "We also have established new partnerships with the federal government...

HUNTINGTON - Whether it's at public speaking forums, personal candidate statements or television commercials, the two major party candidates for West Virginia Attorney General appear to focus on two issues plaguing the state: illegal drugs and the

799. view from the right: Trump lacks clarity about environment

Bulletin, The (Norwich, CT) September 10, 2016 Word Count: 466

...energy. Trump pledges to reverse Obama's Climate Action Plan and **Waters of the United States** Rule, which expanded EPA jurisdiction. In addition to emphasizing the economic...

When it comes the environment, Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump is as embarrassing a standard-bearer as he is on practically every other issue. But it's not what he says that's wrong; it's the lack of clarity with which he says it.

800. OP-ED: New legal considerations for projects on waters

Daily Journal of Commerce (Portland, OR) September 08, 2016 Word Count: 998

...USACE) published a controversial final rule amending the definition of "waters of the United States." The rule was intended to make identification of waters protected under the...

Developing a project on or near a body of water requires navigation of numerous regulatory requirements. Such projects also are now being affected by legal developments. Waters of the United States

801. Rounds questions EPA at Senate field hearing in Rapid City

Grand Rapids Herald-Review (Grand Rapids, MN) August 31, 2016 Word Count: 648

...Rounds said. Rounds pointed to the Waters of the U.S. Rule, or WOTUS, as an overreach by the Environmental Protection Agency. He said...

...Former state senator and local rancher Larry Rhoden called the WOTUS rule "oppressive and intimidating" for ranchers in South Dakota. He said...

A generalized distrust of government and concerns over federal overreach onto the states were the main talking points during a U.S. Senate field hearing Tuesday at the Journey Museum in Rapid City.

802. Another conservative congressman targeted by GOP establishment 'Quite contradictory when you see a guy who claims to be a pastor that continues to lie'

WND (WorldNetDaily) August 28, 2016 Word Count: 976

...Numbers USA. He also led House fights to stop the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule and other environmental overreach, while fighting to give patients more...

Fresh off a win in Kansas earlier this month, Republicans and special interests looking to oust conservative members have their sights set on Arizona.

803. Issues before the House

Jefferson City News-Tribune (Jefferson City, MO) August 20, 2016 Word Count: 649

...in the 3rd District without talking about the EPA's ridiculous Waters of the United States rule. As a farmer myself, I know the "Waters of the United States" rule is an expansion of the Clean Water Act in an...

...American people, but the House listened and acted. Currently, the WOTUS rule is blocked nationwide due to a decision by the U.S...

On any given day that the House is in session, my schedule consists of meeting with constituents from the 3rd District, attending hearings on the House Financial Services and Small Business Committees, and going to the floor of the House of

804. Lawmakers Blast Tax Burden, Regulations

Daily News-Record (Harrisonburg, VA) August 18, 2016 Word Count: 763

...two environmental regulations deemed bad for business. They are the **Waters of the United States rule**, which she said could affect many farmers and ranchers negatively...

WEYERS CAVE - Multiple rankings indicate that Virginia's status as a business-friendly state continues to slip, a panel of lawmakers representing the Shenandoah Valley acknowledged Wednesday.

805. Blunt talks jobs, economy at stopRepublican nominee for U.S. Senate says over-regulation hurting economic potential

Hannibal Courier-Post, The (Hannibal, MO) August 18, 2016 Word Count: 374

...many regulations the federal government simply can't enforce, like the **WOTUS rule** that would regulate, according to Blunt, things like displaced water...

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806. Senator working to support value-added companies, provide regulatory relief and capital for farmers

Devils Lake Journal (Devils Lake, ND) August 09, 2016 Word Count: 630

...to prevent the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from imposing the **WOTUS Interpretive Rule**. · As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Hoeven included...

...and Environment funding bill to prevent the implementation of the **WOTUS rule** in FY2017. · Called on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to comply with the nationwide stay on implementing the **WOTUS rule** by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit...

Senator John Hoeven today joined state, local and industry leaders to dedicate the new \$30 million expansion of AGT Foods and Ingredients' facility in Minot. AGT's 33,000 sq. ft. expansion adds 20 additional jobs in the community and will further

807. Efforts continue to aid farmers, spur growth while commodity prices low

Devils Lake Journal (Devils Lake, ND) August 09, 2016 Word Count: 511

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Senator John Hoeven recently held a series of meetings with local leaders in Rugby, Mohall and Bowbells to update them on his efforts to help North Dakota farmers and ranchers, especially in light of low commodity prices; create a strong business

808. 'Right to Farm' presentation headlines chamber luncheon

Glasgow Daily Times (Glasgow, KY) August 09, 2016 Word Count: 981

...passing final rules or regulations. So regulations, such as final **rules** like the **Waters of the United States** and other EPA or USDA regulations on how agriculture is...

WOODWARD, Okla. - A constitutional amendment that would guarantee the rights of farmers and ranchers to freely practice their trade was the topic of discussion Monday at the August Woodward Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

809. Sowing supportIn W. Tenn. Dist. 8, Congressional candidates reach out to region's farmers as well as city folk

Commercial Appeal (Memphis, TN) August 01, 2016 Word Count: 1164

...that hasn't received much attention in the Memphis area, the **Waters of the United States rule**. The **rule** would expand federal government pollution controls over streams and wetlands...

Kim Kee, 39, farms corn, cotton and soybeans with her family not far from Jackson, Tennessee. She's one of the rural voters who will play a role in choosing the next congressional representative for District 8, which stretches through most of rural

810. Smith: Reining in a Lawless EPA

Star-Herald (Scottsbluff, NE) August 01, 2016 Word Count: 517

...million. The bill blocks the EPA's Waters of the U.S. **rule**, or **WOTUS**, which threatens private water rights by increasing the federal government's...

The enduring natural beauty of our state combined with its growing productivity is a testament to Nebraskans' shared commitment to conserving our land and resources. Despite these efforts, federal bureaucrats continue

to issue onerous regulations

811. Environmental laws are targeted

Journal News, The (Westchester, NY) July 31, 2016 Word Count: 854

...itemize lobbying dollars. One of the biggest fights involved the **Waters of the United States rule**. Adopted in 2014, it expanded which waters are subject to...
...money went toward supporting a bill trying to block the **Waters of the United States rule**. Other lobbying dollars backed a bill seeking amendments to immigration...

Chemical companies and golf-course superintendents have spent millions of dollars on lobbying against reforms targeting pesticides. Federal lobbyists have been paid \$46.5 million by select trade groups and associations linked to pesticides since

812. Marshall talks policies

McPherson Sentinel (McPherson, KS) July 23, 2016 Word Count: 867

...sure it stays that way. Marshall stated debates on the **Waters of the United States rules**, the lesser prairie chicken, and genetically modified crops can have...

Dr. Roger Marshall made a stop in McPherson Wednesday to discuss his policies and positions on different issues facing the United States. He also spoke Friday at The Cedars about some of the same topics.

813. Words of our local legislatorsPOLITICS

McPherson Sentinel (McPherson, KS) July 22, 2016 Word Count: 1783

...Huelskamp to prohibit the Obama Administration from enforcing the EPA's **Waters of the United States rule** and puts a stop to any further efforts on Lesser...

CONGRESSMAN TIM HUELSKAMP

814. Huelskamp discusses recent work in congressLEGISLATION

McPherson Sentinel (McPherson, KS) July 21, 2016 Word Count: 975

...to enforce regulations and prohibit the enforcement of the EPA's **Waters of the United States rule**. The bill also prohibited the EPA from implementing new greenhouse...

With congress taking a seven-week recess, Congressman Tim Huelskamp (KS-01) took time off of the campaign trail to stop in at the McPherson Sentinel to give readers a recap on recent events in congress.

815. Appropriations Act: Griffith's amendment merits support

Bluefield Daily Telegraph (WV) July 20, 2016 Word Count: 588

...regulation, and prohibits funding for the EPA to implement the **Waters of the United States rule** or enforce or finalize the proposed Stream Buffer rule. Griffith...

When it comes to promoting new economic development and related job growth, a priority focus must be placed on hard-hit coal producing regions. That's why we applaud an amendment introduced last week by U.S. Rep. Morgan Griffith, R-Va., that seeks

816. GOP's House majority OKs Interior Dept. spending billZinke votes with Dems on failed amendment blocking land transfers

Bozeman Daily Chronicle (Bozeman, MT) July 19, 2016 Word Count: 476

...Convention. The bill blocks the Obama Administration from enforcing the **Waters of the United States rule**, blocks the Clean Power Plan's carbon regulations on coal-fired...

Montana U.S. Rep. Ryan Zinke on Thursday voted in support of a controversial Department of Interior and Environmental Protection Agency spending bill.

817. House bill includes \$3.9B to fight fires

Gallup Independent, The (Gallup, NM) July 19, 2016 Word Count: 799

...to take control of ditches and farm ponds through the **Waters of the United States rule**. This bill stops him," Pearce said. "The legislation also includes...

GRANTS - The U.S. House of Representatives approved a \$32.1 billion Interior and Environment appropriations bill Thursday designed to rein in regulatory overreach and fund responsible use of the nation's natural resources.

818. Interior-Environment Funding Bill Passed by House

Roll Call (USA) July 18, 2016 Word Count: 801

...water sources from contamination from coal mining operations, and the **Waters of the United States rule**, or **WOTUS**, which expanded the federal government's authority over streams and waterways...

The House voted, 231-196, mostly along party lines on Thursday to advance the \$32.1 billion fiscal 2017 Interior-Environment spending bill, marking the first time that the spending measure has made it out of the chamber since 2009. The package (HR

819. Jordan criticizes attorney general, Obamacare during hearings

Lima News, The (Ohio) July 17, 2016 Word Count: 770

...and women who are business owners," Latta said. " From a [**Waters of the United States rule** that would require obtaining a permit for puddles and ponds...

July 17--WASHINGTON -- A local federal legislator had words for the U.S. attorney general regarding the FBI's decision to not prosecute former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.U.S. House of Representatives

820. Environmental cases low key under Schimel | 2015 polluter penalties fall below \$1 million By LEE BERGQUIST

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (WI) July 17, 2016 Word Count: 1025

...its expansion of authority over water regulations, known as the "**Waters of the United States rule**." On state environmental issues, Schimel issued a statement on May...

Attorney General Brad Schimel has issued scores of news releases since taking office in January 2015, but none to publicize environmental cases he has prosecuted. The approach contrasts with Schimel's predecessors, including fellow Republican J.B.

821. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: McKinley hails law to reign in EPA

Mineral Daily News-Tribune (Keyser, WV) July 16, 2016 Word Count: 394

...use of funds to further develop or carry out the **Waters of the United States Rule** (**WOTUS**) n Prohibits funds to implement proposed EPA Methane Emissions Rule...

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman David B. McKinley, P.E., (WV-1) issued the following statement after the House passed the 2017 Interior and Environmental Appropriations bill.

822. Broken regulatory process turns democracy on head

Idaho Press-Tribune (Nampa, ID) July 01, 2016 Word Count: 494

...cap regime on states, the Army Corps/EPA so-called **Waters of the United States rule** subjecting nearly every drop of moisture in the country to...

Lost in the spectacle of elected Democrats lounging on the floor, yelling, and picketing to disrupt the functioning of the duly-elected House of Representatives last week was the pending matter before the body: a vote on overriding President

823. Regulatory process turns democracy upside-down

Advocate, The (Newark, OH) June 30, 2016 Word Count: 653

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Lost in the spectacle of elected Democrats lounging on the floor, yelling and picketing to disrupt the functioning of the duly-elected House of Representatives last week was the pending matter before the body: a vote on overriding President Obama's

824. Smith introduces federal agency spending bills

Daily Journal (Park Hills, MO) June 23, 2016 Word Count: 572

...to defund regulations the EPA has authored such as the **Waters of the United States rule**. "The EPA is an agency out of control," Smith said...

Congressman Jason Smith, R-8th District, introduced two pieces of legislation Wednesday he says will "rein in government federal agencies ability to spend fines, fees, settlements and penalties they are levying on American taxpayers."

825. Missouri HighlightsVIEW FROM THE CAPITOL

Daily Guide (Waynesville, MO) June 21, 2016 Word Count: 441

...of issues that included the EPA's over-reach through the **Waters of the United States rule**, the challenge of labeling food products with GMO (genetically-modified...

This week I had the pleasure of meeting with a number of visitors from Missouri's Fourth District as well as other parts of the state.

826. Bill protects Kansans from overreachCOLUMN

McPherson Sentinel (McPherson, KS) June 17, 2016 Word Count: 523

...chicken under the Endangered Species Act. Another would block the **Waters of the United States rule**, an Environmental Protection Agency proposal that would expand the agency's...
...the USFWS. "The provisions in this bill to block the **WOTUS rule** will protect Kansans from layers of bureaucracy, red tape and...

U.S. Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, supported the fiscal year 2017 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, which includes provisions to protect Kansans from government overreach

827. Iowa's ag secretary hopes that voluntary efforts will supersede regulations

Daily American, The (Somerset, PA) June 07, 2016 Word Count: 1143

...department's time. "We started addressing water quality long before the **Waters of the United States rule** was on the horizon," Northey said. "We do everything we...

Regulation of the agriculture community is one of the toughest issues facing the industry according to a top Iowa official who was the keynote speaker at South Dakota Governor's Ag Summit in Brookings last week.

828. Property regulation: Court sensible in water ruling

Omaha World-Herald (NE) June 07, 2016 Word Count: 453

...separate, related case involving the feds' regulatory scope under the "**waters of the United States**" **rules**. The key question is whether the rules would expand the...

Regulation is necessary to safeguard public well-being. At the same time, the U.S. Constitution rightly places limits on government powers.

829. SCOTUS sets important 'waters of the US' precedent

Farm Forum (Aberdeen, SD) June 06, 2016 Word Count: 351

...remain committed to our opposition of the EPA and Corps' **WOTUS rule** and the Administration's overstepping of state authority and private property...

Recently, the Supreme Court set a precedent for landowners to challenge the Corps of Engineers' jurisdictional determinations under the Clean Water Act in the United States Army Corps of Engineers v. Hawkes Co., Inc. The case involved three

830. **Morrissey Says Rule of Law Guides Challenges**

State Journal, The (WV) June 03, 2016 Word Count: 1155

...contends the administration overstepped with its Waters of the U.S. (**WOTUS**) **rule**, calling it a "classic example of the government trying to...
...to the states and local communities." EPA had said the **WOTUS rule** was meant to clarify the definitions of waters protected under...

On May 25, attorneys general from 11 states and two school districts across the United States joined together to challenge an Obama administration directive instructing the nation's schools to allow transgender students to use restrooms and showers

831. **Supreme Court rules on one waters of the U.S. case**COURT NEWS

Siskiyou Daily News (Yreka, CA) June 02, 2016 Word Count: 579

...fairly limited in scope in the entire debate over the **waters of the United States rule**, three justices - Anthony Kennedy, Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito - wrote...

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The federal government's definition of the "waters of the United States" has been a controversial topic in recent decades, but a Tuesday opinion published by the U.S. Supreme Court has clarified how landowners can appeal agency

832. **Clean Water Rule adds uncertainty to regulations**

Bozeman Daily Chronicle (Bozeman, MT) June 01, 2016 Word Count: 286

...is referred to as, "Waters of the United States," or **WOTUS**. The **rule** does not "simply affirm" already protected waters. The U.S. Court...

The guest column headlined, "Clean water deserves entire delegation's support," regarding the EPA's so-called Clean Water Rule, cannot go unchallenged.

833. **Obama administration's illegal implementation of water rule**From Sen. Mike Rounds

Capital Journal (Pierre, SD) June 01, 2016 Word Count: 488

...Word Count: 488 Since the misguided Waters of the U.S. (**WOTUS**) **rule** was first proposed by the Obama administration in 2014, farmers...

...permitting requirements that are being illegally imposed on them. The **WOTUS rule** is one of the largest federal land grabs in the...

Since the misguided Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule was first proposed by the Obama administration in 2014, farmers, ranchers and local units of government in South Dakota and across the country have been rightly concerned about the rule's impact

834. Only Judge can test Grassley

Quad-City Times, The (Davenport, IA) June 01, 2016 Word Count: 690

...Fuel Standard. Both, in general, back the Environmental Protection Agency's **Waters of the United States rule**, though Judge wonders if regulators went a little overboard. Hogg's...

Patty Judge is the only candidate in the Democratic field with a shot at ousting U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley in November. Democrats should tick Judge's name on Tuesday, if they have any interest in actually challenging the six-term Republican.

835. Trump visit shows N.D. has a role

Bismarck Tribune, The (ND) May 29, 2016 Word Count: 484

...rules targeting coal-fired power plants and blasted the EPA's **Waters of the United States rule**. Trump offered his simple litmus test for deciding on regulations...

Donald Trump delivered big time Thursday at the Williston Basin Petroleum Conference in Bismarck. He told the enthusiastic crowd of 7,000 that he would eliminate regulations and do everything possible to promote the energy. That's what the crowd of

836. Judge criticized for support of EPA water rules

Gazette, The (Cedar Rapids, IA) May 25, 2016 Word Count: 351

...phone call with Iowa reporters. He called the EPA's WOTUS - **Waters of the United States - rule** a "massive federal overreach that is misguided, places the increased...

...Sen. Chuck Grassley in the November general election, said the **WOTUS rules** are "on target." "We are now at a crisis point...

CEDAR RAPIDS - A Republican-leaning advocacy group is criticizing Democratic U.S. Senate hopeful Patty Judge for her support of Environmental Protection Agency rules regulating Iowa waterways.

837. Republicans criticize Judge for support of EPA water rules

Gazette, The (Cedar Rapids, IA) May 24, 2016 Word Count: 462

...Environmental Protection Agency rules regulating Iowa waterways. The EPA's WOTUS -- **Waters of the United States** -- **rule** is a "massive federal overreach that is misguided, places the...
...Sen. Chuck Grassley in the November general election, said the **WOTUS rules** are "on target." "We are now at a crisis point..."

May 24--CEDAR RAPIDS -- A Republican-leaning advocacy group criticized Democratic U.S. Senate hopeful Patty Judge for her support of Environmental Protection Agency rules regulating Iowa waterways. The EPA's WOTUS -- Waters of the United States --

838. Outlook: Approps, Puerto Rico, and Defense Bills Top the AgendaThe House will navigate more thorny amendment votes before turning to Puerto Rico legislation, while the Senate will address Pentagon policy.

National Journal Daily May 23, 2016 Word Count: 1710

...on Tuesday will dig into the implementation of the EPA's **Waters of the United States rule**, which Republicans have decried as a regulatory overreach. HEALTH Two...

The House floor may erupt with debate over LGBT issues again this week, just days after Democrats decried Republican arm-twisting that sank an amendment affirming a White House order extending antidiscrimination protections to federal contractors'

839. EDITORIAL: The fall and rise of North Dakota Democrats

Grand Forks Herald (ND) May 19, 2016 Word Count: 557

...also opposes many gun-control initiatives as well as the **Waters of the United States rule** and other intrusive, Democratic Party-favored plans. So, why is...

May 19--Maybe we're all making it too complicated. Maybe there's an easy way for North Dakota Democrats to gain seats in the Legislature and regain their statewide popularity:

840. Newhouse bill Newhouse co-sponsors bill to prevent rulemaking misconduct

Columbia Basin Herald (Moses Lake, WA) May 17, 2016 Word Count: 482

...Agency's (EPA) efforts during the public rulemaking process for the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule. Following a 2015 New York Times story that reported the...

May 17--WASHINGTON D.C. -- Rep. Dan Newhouse, R-Sunnyside, has co-sponsored a bill to provide better transparency to the federal government's rulemaking process. Newhouse joined Rep. Tim Walberg, R-Michigan, as an original co-sponsor to H.R. 5226,

841. South Dakotans feeling the effect of the Obama economyFrom Sen. Thune

Capital Journal (Pierre, SD) May 16, 2016 Word Count: 606

...EPA to regulate ponds and ditches on private land. The Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule will have significant economic impacts for farmers, ranchers, and other...

Late last month, the federal government released preliminary numbers on economic growth in the first quarter of 2016, and let me tell you, the news wasn't good. The U.S. economy grew at a dismal rate of 0.5 percent during the first three months of

842. U.S. Senate candidate Fiegen calls for reinventing Iowa ag

Des Moines Register, The (Des Moines, IA) May 13, 2016 Word Count: 463

...emphasis put on local food production." When asked about the Waters of the United States rule adopted by the Environmental Protection Agency last year that Republicans...

Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Tom Fiegen on Thursday called for revolutionizing Iowa farming practices by rewriting federal laws to limit commodity agriculture and encourage local food production. In an interview with The Des Moines Register's

843. GOP hits Patty Judge on fuzzy policy

Des Moines Register, The (Des Moines, IA) May 12, 2016 Word Count: 853

...is doing now. She was fuzzy on how the EPA's Waters of the United States rule would fit into her vision for water quality, yet walked...

Patty Judge's interview with the Des Moines Register on Tuesday helped clarify a few things — not so much about her positions on issues but on the line of attack Republicans will take against her. Tweets from GOP operatives during the one-hour

844. Judge says EPA's water rule is 'on target'

Des Moines Register, The (Des Moines, IA) May 11, 2016 Word Count: 497

...But she also indicated support for the Environmental Protection Agency rule known as Waters of the United States, or WOTUS, which redefines the waterways that fall under federal...

Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Patty Judge on Tuesday expressed support for federal clean-water regulations that have been sharply criticized by Republicans and the agriculture industry. In a meeting with The Des Moines Register's editorial board,

845. Strong resistance to federal overreach is overdue, but growing

Bluefield Daily Telegraph (WV) May 10, 2016 Word Count: 874

...reported a year ago on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Waters of the United States rule that critics say "would allow the agency to regulate waterways...

For four years, an organic farmer in Indiana was harassed when he supplied raw milk to the local organic co-ops. What prompted this action was what the Goshen News reported in 2010 as an outbreak of campylobacter bacterial infections "that might be

846. EPA REGULATION WILL FORCE \$31 MILLION UPGRADE TO PINELLAS COUNTY DITCH, U.S. REP. DAVID JOLLY SAYS

Tampa Bay Times (FL) May 09, 2016 Word Count: 1720

...Communities, and Economy," May 27, 2015 Federal Register, "Clean Water Rule: Definition of 'Waters of the United States'," June 29, 2015 Associated Press, "EPA says clean water rule...

...Post Volokh Conspiracy blog, "North Dakota district court blocks controversial 'Waters of the United States' rule," Aug. 28, 2015 Washington Post Volokh Conspiracy blog, "Sixth Circuit puts controversial 'waters of the United States' (WOTUS) rule on hold," Oct. 9, 2015 PolitiFact Florida, "Marco Rubio says...

Under a new federal regulation, it will cost Pinellas County "\$31 million to fix a single ditch." - David Jolly on Monday, April 25th, 2016 in an Orlando debate * * * The Ruling: MOSTLY FALSE A voter at an Orlando debate asked U.S. Reps. David

847. Lawsuit could put an end to treated seedsAgriculture

Stuttgart Daily Leader, The (Stuttgart, AR) May 05, 2016 Word Count: 415

...regulations including the revised Worker Protection Standards, the Applicator Certification Rule, and WOTUS, you may be seeing the end of treated seeds." While...

A disturbing lawsuit, Anderson et al. v. McCarthy et al, has been brought against the U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency (EPA) in federal court by a number of commercial beekeepers, growers and environmental activist groups for not regulating

848. Sasse votes to prohibit WOTUS

York News-Times (York, NE) May 03, 2016 Word Count: 364

...would prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from implementing its Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule. Sasse cosponsored the amendment that was introduced by Sen. John...

U.S. Senator Ben Sasse, R-Neb., a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, voted Thursday for an amendment that would prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from implementing its Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule.

849. What's up with 'What's Upstream?'

Capital Press (Salem, OR) April 28, 2016 Word Count: 1843

...Upstream with the "covert" campaign last year to promote the Waters of the United States rule. In that case, the Government Accountability Office faulted the methods...

A little more than a month ago, What's Upstream was an obscure political advocacy campaign backed by Environmental Protection Agency money, a Washington state Indian tribe and a handful of environmental groups.

850. Casper lawmaker seeks Lummis seat

Riverton Ranger, The (Riverton, WY) April 28, 2016 Word Count: 843

...the energy industry," he said. He said regulations like the " Waters of the United States" rule, the Clean Power Plan and the Regional Haze Rule all...

Stubson foregoes re-election bid for Wyoming Legislature

851. U.S. chamber official outlines legislative goals to Daytona chamber

Daytona Beach News-Journal, The (Daytona, FL) April 27, 2016 Word Count: 396

...many states' attorneys general oppose. 3) Continue challenging the EPA's Waters of the United States rule of 2015, which critics say is a power grab by...

DAYTONA BEACH SHORES - The Department of Labor's proposal to update overtime rules - aimed at protecting salaried employees who are routinely expected to work 50 or 60 hours a week - has gotten the attention of more than one local manager.

852. 'Keeping Goods Moving in America's Heartland' hearing begins May 2

Star-Herald (Scottsbluff, NE) April 27, 2016 Word Count: 293

...testified about the impact of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) "waters of the United States" rule. In September 2015, she hosted a second hearing of the...

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Deb Fischer (R-Neb.) chairman of the Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security Subcommittee, will convene a Commerce Committee field hearing titled "Keeping Goods Moving in

853. Huelskamp hosts McPherson town hall

McPherson Sentinel (McPherson, KS) April 26, 2016 Word Count: 291

...Congressman shared how he continues his push against the EPA's Waters of the United States rules, which seek to regulate every pond and prairie puddle on...

MCPHERSON - Monday, Congressman Tim Huelskamp hosted his annual McPherson County Town Hall in McPherson at The Cedars retirement community. The Town Hall was his 358th with Kansans since taking office.

854. LAMAR ALEXANDER'S ODE TO EARTH DAY,BIPARTISANSHIP

Chattanooga Times (Free Press, TN) April 25, 2016 Word Count: 317

...2017. The amendment would have barred funding for the 2014 Waters of the United States Rule, an Obama administration effort to protect streams and wetlands, but...

Thursday, on the eve of Earth Day, the Senate narrowly defeated a controversial amendment that would have stripped funding for clean water protections and ensured defeat of a \$37.5 billion energy and water spending bill.

855. WOTUS addressed at conference wotus

La Junta Tribune-Democrat (La Junta, CO) April 25, 2016 Word Count: 1437

...federal land use regulatory measures were put on hold. The **Waters of the United States rule** (**WOTUS**) (**Rule** to redefine "**waters of the United States**" 79 Fed. Reg. 22188) would have created unprecedented regulatory power...
...Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers' (COE) "**Waters of the United States**" rule be stayed nationwide, citing substantial possibility of success on the...

Several members of Southeast Colorado Private Property Rights Council (SECPPRC) attended the Kansas Natural Resource Coalition (KNRC) conference on Land, Water and Local Government, held at United Wireless Arena and Conference Center, Dodge City,

856. Congressman, opponent square off in Q&A

Public Opinion (Chambersburg, PA) April 24, 2016 Word Count: 2039

...prime example of the oversized federal government is the administration's **Waters of the United States EPA rule**. This red tape regulation allows the government to regulate something...

"I've been a conservative my entire life because I believe our nation and its people are strongest when the federal government is small, our military is powerful, and economic growth is being dictated by the free market not government handouts

857. Energy-Water Vote to Come Monday or Tuesday

Roll Call (USA) April 22, 2016 Word Count: 547

...legislation." Republicans have looked for any opportunity to overturn the **WOTUS rule**-making. Both chambers passed a Congressional Review Act resolution aimed...

The Senate is looking to wrap up consideration of its \$37.5 billion Energy-Water fiscal 2017 appropriations bill by Monday or Tuesday, Energy-Water Subcommittee Chairman Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., said Thursday. Lawmakers had submitted more than 60

858. 145 House members sign letter criticizing EPA over What's Upstream

Capital Press (Salem, OR) April 21, 2016 Word Count: 611

...Accountability Office said last year the EPA promoted the new **Waters of the United States rule** through "covert propaganda." An audit by the Inspector General of...

One-third of the U.S. House on Wednesday accused the Environmental Protection Agency of breaking federal prohibitions against political advocacy by funding What's Upstream.

859. EPA head 'distressed' by What's Upstream campaign; probe underway

Capital Press (Salem, OR) April 19, 2016 Word Count: 953

...What's Upstream to the EPA's stealth promotion of its new **Waters of the United States rule**. The Government Accountability Office concluded last year the effort was...

...groups' websites to spread messages in favor of the new **Waters of the United States rule** without acknowledging the agency was the author. "The fact that...

The Environmental Protection Agency has suspended funding What's Upstream, as the Office of the Inspector General probes whether the advocacy campaign broke any laws.

860. Buchanan leads challenge against EPA water rules

Lawton Constitution, The (Lawton, OK) April 17, 2016 Word Count: 426

...he was able to provide valuable input on how the **WOTUS rule** negatively impacts farming and the strong need to withdraw the...

"Waters of the U.S." (WOTUS) is the title of what the federal Environmental Protection Agency would like to see enacted to ensure streams and other surface water in the future will remain safe and environmentally sound. But many people believe the

861. Verdict of WOTUS court is away from several months

Legal Monitor Worldwide (Jordan) April 15, 2016 Word Count: 435

...lawsuits brought against the EPA to stop enforcement of its **WOTUS rule**. Liesbesman said The Clean Water Act has a very narrow...

...come out or when that decision will be issued. The **WOTUS rule** cannot be enforced with a stay in place. Liesbesman explained...

Related to enforcement of the Environmental Protection Agency's Waters of the U.S. rule and its constitutionality, a court ruling appears to be several months away to more than a year away. As one attorney put it, It's a muddy quagmire. Larry

862. Q&A with 4th District Rep. Vicky Hartzler

Moberly Monitor-Index and Democrat (Moberly, MO) April 15, 2016 Word Count: 1129

...House to stop the EPA's onerous Waters of the U.S. (**WOTUS** rule. In Missouri, the WOTUS regulations could effectively allow the EPA...

Each week, the Monitor-Index features a question-and-answer article with a person who is of interest to the community. This week, we feature Vicky Hartzler, U.S. Representative for Missouri's 4th Congressional District, which includes Randolph

863. Regulation rewind rolls on

York News-Times (York, NE) April 14, 2016 Word Count: 548

...illegal "covert propaganda" to push its Waters of the U.S. rule (**WOTUS**). I introduced the resolution of disapproval in the House to...

The Obama administration just finalized its fiduciary rule, an overbearing regulation which would hinder access to financial advice for nearly seven million Americans and create new hardships for small business owners.

864. OKFB president testifies before Senate subcommittee

Daily Record (Rochester, NY) April 13, 2016 Word Count: 208

...and ranchers are affected by the EPA's regulations, especially its **Waters of the United States rule**. "After carefully studying the proposed rule, we at Farm Bureau...

WASHINGTON – Oklahoma Farm Bureau President Tom Buchanan on Tuesday urged Congress to hold the Environmental Protection Agency accountable for its burdensome regulations and aggressive tactics against U.S. farmers and ranchers.

865. Kansas senator rips EPA billboards in Washington state

Capital Press (Salem, OR) April 05, 2016 Word Count: 565

...funds on "covert propaganda" to rally support for the new **Waters of the United States rule**. What's Upstream partners have defended the website's accuracy. Andrea Rogers...

Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Pat Roberts on Monday criticized the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for funding two billboards in Washington state that claim unregulated farming practices are polluting water.

866. Farm Bureau lobbies congressmen on TPP, other issues

Globe Gazette (Mason City, IA) April 02, 2016 Word Count: 435

...to stop the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) implementation of the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule.

"Farmers around the state are really struggling now and TPP...

...asked their representatives to continue their efforts to ditch the WOTUS rule which was implemented by the EPA last year and would...

WEST DES MOINES - Farm Bureau leaders from across Iowa have urged Iowa's U.S. representatives to approve the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade agreement.

867. Ted Cruz's misleading claim about EPA, puddles and ditches

Miami Herald (FL) April 01, 2016 Word Count: 1058

...March 29 CNN town hall in Milwaukee. " For example, the Waters of the United States Rule where the EPA has tried to define a puddle or...

...understood by the average person — can be regulated under the Waters of the United States rule," he said in response to our questions about Cruz's statement...

Ted Cruz says the Environmental Protection Agency has gone overboard in regulating farms by regulating even puddles and ditches."They're hurting from a federal government whose policies have been making it harder and harder for farmers to survive.

868. TED CRUZ SAYS EPA TRIED TO REGULATE PUDDLES AND DRAINAGE DITCHES

Tampa Bay Times (FL) March 31, 2016 Word Count: 1213

...29 CNN town hall in Milwaukee, Wis. "For example, the Waters of the United States Rule (is) where the EPA has tried to define a puddle...

...understood by the average person - can be regulated under the Waters of the United States rule," he said in response to our questions about Cruz's statement...

"The EPA has tried to define a puddle or a drainage ditch on your farm to be navigable waters and thus subject to massive environmental regulations." - Ted Cruz on Wednesday, March 30th, 2016 in a CNN town hall in Milwaukee * * * The Ruling: MOSLTY

869. Congressman Lucas offers understanding ear

Woodward News, The (Woodward, OK) March 31, 2016 Word Count: 1230

...have become so backward such as the kerfuffle over the **Waters of the United States rules** as well as the Affordable Care Act and what it...

It was a rare still, windless day Wednesday as some Harper County and Buffalo residents made their way to the Northwestern Electric office for an opportunity to bend the ear of their favorite U.S. Congressman Frank Lucas.

870. Power of the purse

York News-Times (York, NE) March 31, 2016 Word Count: 447

...President Obama's regulatory agenda, including his Waters of the U.S. **rule** (**WOTUS**) and burdensome regulations on power plants, anhydrous ammonia, and ethanol...

In January, I sent a short email to Third District residents asking which issue should be the top priority for Congress this year.

871. Supreme Court nomination will have effect on job creators

Sun Sentinel, Fort Lauderdale, FL March 29, 2016 Word Count: 702

...at the Supreme Court soon. It is challenging the EPA's **Waters of the United States rule**, which would require local business owners to seek federal approval...

President Obama earlier this month nominated Merrick Garland, a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, to replace Justice Antonin Scalia on the U.S. Supreme Court. If confirmed he could serve on the court for at

872. Why the small-business lobby is fighting Merrick Garland's nomination

Washington Post, The (Washington, D.C.) March 28, 2016 Word Count: 643

...the Supreme Court. One case challenges the Environmental Protection Agency's "**Waters of the United States**" **rule**, which expands the definition of which lakes, rivers and other...

Business group opposes court pickWhen the Supreme Court ruled in 2012 that the Affordable Care Act was constitutional, the decision dealt a major blow to the National Federation of Independent Business, the lead plaintiff in the case challenging

873. Federally funded website hits at Washington farmers

Capital Press (Salem, OR) March 24, 2016 Word Count: 658

...that EPA engaged in "covert propaganda" in promoting the new **Waters of the United States** clean-water **rule**. U.S. Rep. Suzan DelBene, who represents northwest Washington, also heard...

A federally funded website that urges Washington state lawmakers to adopt new regulations on agriculture has drawn the ire of farm groups and the attention of two congressmen.

874. Clean water rulesTHE GAZETTE FACTCHECKER

Gazette, The (Cedar Rapids, IA) March 19, 2016 Word Count: 756

...Blum's seat in Iowa's 1st District. Analysis The Clean Water **Rule**, or **Waters of the United States**, attempted to clarify the Clean Water Act of 1972 to...

Introduction

875. Congressman meets with farmers

Daily American, The (Somerset, PA) March 16, 2016 Word Count: 73

...such as genetically modified food and the Environmental Protection Agency's "**waters of the United States**" **rule**. Submitted photo Americas GEOAMER 1AM92 District of Columbia USADC 1DI60...

U.S. Rep. Bill Shuster, center, a Republican representing part of Somerset County, meets with Pennsylvania Farm Bureau members to discuss issues of interest to Pennsylvania farm families during the bureau's National Legislative Conference in

876. McCrory fights to keep down the cost of electricity

Robesonian, The (Lumberton, NC) March 15, 2016 Word Count: 547

...of another federal court's decision last October to block Obama's **Waters of the United States rule** from taking effect until judicial review is completed. In both...

Gov. Pat McCrory has become a national leader in fighting the Obama administration's attempts to impose costly federal mandates that would hurt North Carolina's economy and eliminate jobs. Thanks to the governor's leadership, North Carolina

877. Jordan speaks with Allen County agriculture reps

Lima News, The (Ohio) March 09, 2016 Word Count: 423

...Jordan, R-Urbana, is not a fan of the latest **Waters of the United States rule** that was made by the Environmental Protection Agency and the...

March 09--LIMA -- U.S. Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Urbana, is not a fan of the latest Waters of the United States rule that was made by the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, a move he maintains is another example of the

878. Shuster praised for his hard work

Herald-Standard (Uniontown, PA) March 06, 2016 Word Count: 250

...legislation stopping Obama's overreach through the Waters of the U.S. (**WOTUS**) **Rule**, which attacks thousands of landowners in our area. Obama plans...

While the familiar politics of a busy and divisive presidential campaign takes center stage, it's easy to overlook the work of our trusted conservative Congressman Bill Shuster, R-Hollidaysburg.

879. Arkansas AG Rutledge Speaks Against Government Overreach During Fort Smith Chamber Breakfast

Times Record (Fort Smith, AR) March 05, 2016 Word Count: 587

...spoke of her opposition to the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed " **Waters of the United States**" **rule**, stating it would devastate Arkansas' economy and agriculture industry. She...

March 05--As Arkansas' attorney general, Leslie Rutledge pledges to fight against federal regulations and government overreach in an effort to help small businesses in the state thrive. During remarks at the Fort Smith Regional Chamber of Commerce

880. Supreme court; Farm sector feels the loss of Scalia

Houston Chronicle March 04, 2016 Word Count: 1174

...side with the Environmental Protection Agency's May 2015 Clean Water **Rule** definition of **waters of the United States**, which Texas and 26 other states are challenging as federal...

It's been less than two weeks since Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia died on a West Texas ranch, and rural Americans who'd feared they'd be pummeled by the Obama administration's sweeping environmental rules without their conservative ally are

881. Farmers really mourning Scalia's death; They feel justice was a friend in fighting EPA

San Antonio Express-News March 04, 2016 Word Count: 1508

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882. Fischer: On the Road in Eastern Nebraska

Star-Herald (Scottsbluff, NE) March 02, 2016 Word Count: 544

...community coffees was overregulation from the federal government. From the "waters of the United States" rule to President Obama's Clean Power Plan, misguided federal mandates are...

During this month's state work period, I was glad to be back in Nebraska. I spent the week visiting local residents in many communities, including Blair, South Sioux City, Norfolk, Columbus, Stromsburg, Seward, Arlington, and Fremont. It's always a

883. Commissioner: Most Bradford Co. jail inmates being treated with psychotropic-type medications

Daily Review, The (Towanda, PA) February 29, 2016 Word Count: 590

...Counties this year is to have Congress withdraw the new "Waters of the United States" rule and to have the rule rewritten in consultation with state...

TOWANDA - The widespread housing of mentally ill people in jails across the United States is an issue that is affecting Bradford County, a county commissioner said.

884. W.Va. Legislature draws a line in the sand over EPA's firewood proposal

Register-Herald, The (Beckley, WV) February 26, 2016 Word Count: 537

...regulating even our smallest ponds and streams with their overreaching Waters of the United States rule. Now they want to go beyond coal mines and waterways...

The West Virginia House of Delegates sent a unanimous message last week to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: Stay out of our homes.

885. Still fighting to end dismal Obama legacy

West Point Times-News, The (West Point, GA) February 26, 2016 Word Count: 511

...Washington, we have been fighting the EPA on their silly rules like Waters of the United States which gives this oversized agency control over bodies of water...

WASHINGTON, D.C. - When I am back home in Alabama, I make my way around the Third District to hear what concerns folks may have.

886. Rep. Young: Rural, Southwest Iowa economy faces challenges

Clarinda Herald-Journal (Clarinda, IA) February 25, 2016 Word Count: 512

...rates and lower the dropout rate. Young is concerned the Waters of the United States rule gives the Environmental Protection Agency more control over landowners and...

Eaton's mass layoff in Shenandoah adds another challenge to the economy of rural Iowa, which makes up a majority of the Rep. David Young's Third Congressional District.

887. Conservative Policies Would Set America Back 100 Years

Enterprise, The (Brockton, MA) February 25, 2016 Word Count: 1021

...rule - the "Environmental Protection Agency's carbon rules for power plants, waters of the United States rule and coal ash disposal rule." "Think what America could be...

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics has an article on its website profiling American workers in 1915.

888. Conservative Policies Would Set America Back 100 Years

Patriot Ledger, The (Quincy, MA) February 25, 2016 Word Count: 777

...rule - the "Environmental Protection Agency's carbon rules for power plants, waters of the United States rule and coal ash disposal rule." "Think what America could be...

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics has an article on its website profiling American workers in 1915.

889. Ikea's dropped plans for store a symptom of economy-choking U.S. regulations

Cleveland Plain Dealer February 24, 2016 Word Count: 663

...over private property, the most egregious example being the expansive Waters of the United States rule that would give the Environmental Protection Agency jurisdiction over small...

One of the greatest fictions ever perpetrated on the American people is that liberals care about helping the poor. Indeed, they seem determined to advance policies that limit opportunities created by economic expansion and growth. The latest

890. WOTUS, Coralville Dam, trade among other town hall topics

Des Moines Register, The (Des Moines, IA) February 24, 2016 Word Count: 1015

...allowed to pollute waterways without being punished. Grassley said the **WOTUS rules** would provide EPA jurisdiction over 97 percent of the land...

Though it brought all the reporters to the Marengo Public Library on Tuesday, Feb. 16, the Supreme Court vacancy and the process to fill was just one that Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) addressed during the town hall, a stop on his yearly 99-county

891. Court to hear challenges to water rule

Legal Monitor Worldwide (Jordan) February 24, 2016 Word Count: 349

...have voted to overturn the rule, dubbed the Clean Water **Rule** or **waters of the United States**, though President Obama vetoed the measures. Judge David McKeague, writing...

A Cincinnati-based federal appeals court ruled that it has the jurisdiction to hear numerous consolidated challenges to the Obama administrations contentious water pollution rule. At issue is a regulation that attempts to clarify which small

892. DAREN BAKST: Congress gives massive subsidies to farmers -- it shouldn't

Washington Times (DC) February 23, 2016 Word Count: 664

...regulations are at the heart of the problem. The recent "**Waters of the United States**" **rule**, promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Army Corps...

ANALYSIS/OPINION:

893. Tipton battles 'regulation overreach' by feds Lawmaking needs to go back to Congress, he says

Journal, The (Cortez, Dolores, Mancos, CO) February 22, 2016 Word Count: 719

...Tipton and other Republicans have been fighting the EPA's proposed **Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule**, saying it

puts private water rights at risk. "The conditional...
...renewed," he said. " We call that theft." Opponents of the **WOTUS rule** say it expands federal jurisdiction of water rights under the...

U.S. Rep. Scott Tipton gave an update on his legislative efforts affecting Colorado's 3rd Congressional District during the Southwest Colorado Livestock Association meeting last week.

894. Sixth Circuit claims jurisdiction to hear merits of challenge to EPA 'waters of the United States' (WOTUS) ruleA splintered three-judge panel concludes it can hear the consolidated challenges to the EPA and Army Corps redefinition of "waters of the United St...

WashingtonPost.com February 22, 2016 Word Count: 744

...Circuit claims jurisdiction to hear merits of challenge to EPA ' **waters of the United States**' (**WOTUS**) **rule** A splintered three-judge panel concludes it can hear the...

...that it has jurisdiction to review challenges to the controversial "**waters of the United States**" (**WOTUS**) **rule**. This regulation, issued by the Environmental Protection Agency and the...

A splintered three-judge panel concludes it can hear the consolidated challenges to the EPA and Army Corps redefinition of "waters of the United States."Today a splintered three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit concluded

895. EPA testifies before U.S. House Agriculture Committee

Farm Forum (Aberdeen, SD) February 15, 2016 Word Count: 473

...hearing showed the continued broad opposition to the EPA 's "**waters of the United States**" or **WOTUS rule**. "While the **WOTUS rule** remains under a judicial stay, we all understand that is...

...all land use stakeholders. The overwhelming requests to withdraw the **WOTUS rule** by the bi-partisan members of the House Agriculture Committee...

WASHINGTON - On Feb. 11, the House Agriculture Committee held a hearing to consider the impacts of the Environmental Protection Agency's actions on the rural economy. EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy was the hearing's sole witness. National

896. Holes in safety net allow toxins into water in cities across U.S.#para#The crisis in Flint, Mich., may be the most serious contamination threat facing...

St. Paul Pioneer Press (MN) February 15, 2016 Word Count: 1421

...legislation to block a new Clean Water Act regulation, the **Waters of the United States rule**, that aims to assert authority over those waters, which the...

Holes in safety net allow toxins into water in cities across U.S.#para#The crisis in Flint, Mich., may be the most serious contamination threat facing the country's water supplies, but it's not the only oneIn Sebring, Ohio, routine laboratory tests

897. Rep. Rogers: EPA oversteps, harms east Alabama jobs

Daily Home, The (Talladega, AL) February 14, 2016 Word Count: 369

...state. The EPA also consistently oversteps its boundaries with silly **rules** like **Waters of the United States** (WOTUS) known as "Clean Water **Rule**: Definition of ' **Waters of the United States**.'" This **rule** actually gives the EPA control of bodies of water as...

WASHINGTON, D.C. - As most of you across East Alabama know, I have always been a critic of big government. I think the bigger the Federal government gets, the more it intrudes in the daily lives of Americans.

898. Court is right to put hold on power plan

Grand Island Independent, The (Grand Island, NE) February 11, 2016 Word Count: 534

...be approved by Congress As it also did with the **Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule**, the EPA is overstepping its authority and making laws that...

The Supreme Court stepped into the fight over President Barack Obama's Clean Power Plan Tuesday. The court blocked the plan from proceeding until legal challenges are settled.

899. TSCRA supports Omnibus bill, tax extenders package

Mexia News, The (Mexia, TX) February 11, 2016 Word Count: 453

...seen this language prohibit the EPA from implementing their flawed **WOTUS rule**, this does provide a step in the right direction." "Lastly...

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association President Pete Bonds made the following statement Dec. 18 after Congress passed the Fiscal Year 2016 Omnibus Appropriations Act, H.R. 2029 and a bill to reauthorize tax exemptions that were set to

900. Ernst addresses WOTUS, GMOs at legislative forum

Des Moines Register, The (Des Moines, IA) February 10, 2016 Word Count: 831

...pollute waterways without being punished. Hence, the EPA expanded the **rule** via the **WOTUS** definition. But Ernst argued that the rules are too vague...

...its overreach is stifling. She said that, in Iowa, the **WOTUS rule** would provide EPA jurisdiction over 97 percent of the land...

WILLIAMSBURG — U.S. Sen. Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) stuck to her guns about the Environmental Protection Agency's Waters of the U.S. Rule. Better known as WOTUS, the legislation that EPA officials conceived as an attempt to help promote clean air and water

901. Scott Pruitt: The attorney general's office will pass on state appropriations this year

Tulsa World February 10, 2016 Word Count: 608

...an injunction barring implementation of the Obama administration's highly controversial "**waters of the United States**" **rule**, which was forecast to impose millions of dollars in burdens...

When I took office in 2011, I made a commitment that the Office of Attorney General would find ways to do more, while spending fewer taxpayer dollars.

902. High lead levels in water aren't limited to MichiganOld pipes, budget cuts and regulatory gaps put U.S. systems at risk

International New York Times February 09, 2016 Word Count: 2280

...legislation to block a new Clean Water Act regulation, the **Waters of the United States rule**, that aims to assert authority over those waters, which the...

In Sebring, Ohio, routine laboratory tests last August found unsafe levels of lead in the town's drinking water after workers stopped adding a chemical to keep lead water pipes from corroding. Five months passed before the city told pregnant women

903. Sen. Randy Head running for attorney general

Pharos-Tribune (Logansport, IN) February 08, 2016 Word Count: 605

...this overreach is the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's recently issued **Waters of the United States Rule**, he said. "It's a gross expansion of federal power at..."

An Indiana state senator and Logansport-based lawyer is running for state attorney general.

904. 'Waters of U.S.' signs on highways to change

Reporter-Times, The (Martinsville, IN) February 05, 2016 Word Count: 464

...Court of Appeals nationwide order stay blocking enforcement of the **WOTUS rule** while the challenge is being litigated. Separate from that suit...

...joined 10 other states in another legal challenge to the **WOTUS rule**. The Indiana challenge is pending in the U.S. Eleventh Circuit...

MARTINSVILLE

905. Congressional intent cannot be ignored

VA Bedford Bulletin, The (Bedford, VA) February 04, 2016 Word Count: 512

...the intent of laws enacted by Congress The EPA's **Waters of the United States rule** is a prime example of the federal government unnecessarily telling...

Listen carefully and you'll hear the sound of bureaucrats scrambling to finalize a flood of new regulations before the end of the year. In fact, the White House chief of staff has promised that President Obama will "do audacious executive action"

906. Young Leaders in Nebraska Agriculture

York News-Times (York, NE) February 04, 2016 Word Count: 560

...young people expressed concern about the Waters of the U.S. **rule**, or **WOTUS**, being forced upon producers, land owners, and local officials by...

Speaking with nearly 200 young farmers and ranchers from across our state recently reinforced to me how bright the future looks for Nebraska agriculture.

907. Grassley miffed at Waters of U.S. veto, filibuster

Newton Daily News, (Newton, IA) February 02, 2016 Word Count: 623

...folks across the country who are directly impacted by the **WOTUS rule** and chose instead to stand with an unchecked federal agency...

Feb. 02--U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley isn't happy about one of President Barack Obama's most recent vetoes. He's also upset with the way Congress blocked one of his Iowa colleague's attempt to reign in the control of the EPA.A joint resolution

908. Farmers, legislators wary of 'WOTUS' rule

Creston News Advertiser (Creston, IA) January 29, 2016 Word Count: 652

...Pg. Unavail. Online) 2016 WLNR 2884352 Farmers, legislators wary of 'WOTUS' rule Ian Richardson; The Creston News Advertiser, Iowa Creston News Advertiser...

...understanding from attending meetings and reading articles that the impending WOTUS rules will be very restrictive to agriculture," Werner said. "Somebody in...

Jan. 29--With a rule that updates what bodies of water fall under federal protection currently sitting in court, many southwest Iowa farmers say they're cautious of its implications should it move forward. The 75-page Clean Water Rule is an

909. New year, old tricks from the EPA

Easley Progress, The (Easley, SC) January 28, 2016 Word Count: 733

...ours. EPA regulations such as the Waters of the US (WOTUS) rule, Section 111(d) Rule, Section 111(b) Rule and the...
...regard for the wallets of families across the country. The WOTUS rule specifically is extremely frightening. It would greatly expand the scope...

As we begin a new year, one would hope that the Obama administration made a new year's resolution of allowing congress to do its job and not allowing unelected bureaucrats to regulate through administrative fiat. However, it seems this year will be

910. Governor McCrory Asks U.S. Supreme Court to Block Federal Power Plan

Stanly News & Press, The (Albemarle, NC) January 28, 2016 Word Count: 274

...states as evidenced by the federal power plan and the Waters of the United States rule. North Carolina is among two dozen states that asked an...

Governor Pat McCrory joined 28 states in asking the U.S. Supreme Court to halt the Environmental Protection Agency's federal power plan while a legal challenge makes its way through the lower courts.

911. Our Readers Say Obama Vetoes EPA Bill

Waycross Journal-Herald (Waycross, GA) January 27, 2016 Word Count: 763

...grab. S.J. Res. 22 would have prohibited implementation of the Waters of the United States rule which would allow the EPA to regulate nearly all waters...

EDITOR, Journal-Herald:

912. President vetoes anti-WOTUS resolution

Farm Talk Newspaper (Parsons, KS) January 26, 2016 Word Count: 360

...vetoed Senate Joint Resolution 22, disapproval of the EPA's "waters of the United States" rule. National Cattlemen's Beef Association President Philip Ellis said this is...

...the 32 states, and countless stakeholders who have challenged the WOTUS rule. With Congress clearly showing their disapproval of this rule, the...

After bi-partisan passage in both chambers of Congress, President Obama vetoed Senate Joint Resolution 22, disapproval of the EPA's "waters of the United States" rule. National Cattlemen's Beef Association President Philip Ellis said this is a

913. Words from our local legislatorsReleases

McPherson Sentinel (McPherson, KS) January 26, 2016 Word Count: 851

...Act resolution of disapproval of the Environmental Protection Agency's "Waters of the United States" (WOTUS) rule. The rule redefines the jurisdiction of the Clean Water Act...

Congrats to Taiwan on elections

914. Stubborn on Waters of the U.S. rule

Bismarck Tribune, The (ND) January 25, 2016 Word Count: 627

...sent to President Barack Obama's desk legislation that overturns the Waters of the United States rule. This rule is an effort by the Environmental Protection Agency to significantly...

...the issuance of any new rule substantially similar to the WOTUS rule published in June 2015. Less than a week later on...

Recently, Congress sent to President Barack Obama's desk legislation that overturns the Waters of the United States rule. This rule is an effort by the Environmental Protection Agency to significantly expand federal jurisdiction over virtually all

915. A Power Congress Grabbed, Then Rarely Used

Roll Call (USA) January 25, 2016 Word Count: 1069

...be known, from farm country to sprawling suburbia, as the **WOTUS rule** - for "**waters of the United States**." Regulations issued by the EPA and the Army Corps of...

Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid helped insert the "atom bomb" into legislation years ago. (Bill Clark/CQ Roll Call) Twenty years ago, it was enacted as a classically obscure legislative rider, an opaquely worded few paragraphs, crafted by both

916. Cotton, Boozman swipe at Obama, Democrats after veto override fails Politics

Stuttgart Daily Leader, The (Stuttgart, AR) January 25, 2016 Word Count: 291

...of the Clean Water Act. Opponents say the so-called "**Waters of the United States rule**" is a power grab that would negatively impact farmers and...

...rural America." "Upholding the president's veto of legislation blocking the **Waters of the United States rule** means President Obama's EPA now has carte blanche to regulate...

LITTLE ROCK - Arkansas' U.S. senators issued statements Thursday criticizing President Barack Obama and Senate Democrats after an attempt to override a presidential veto failed.

917. Avian influenza returns

Telegraph Forum (Bucyrus, OH) January 25, 2016 Word Count: 889

...waterways that fall under such regulation, known informally as the **Waters of the United States rule**. Critics of the rule in agriculture have labeled it a...

...Both the U.S. House and Senate voted to block the **WOTUS rule**, but not by margins large enough to overcome a presidential...

BUCYRUSIt's back.

918. Washington news in brief

Arkansas Democrat Gazette (Little Rock, AR) January 24, 2016 Word Count: 975

...from implementing any major new rule or regulation. The new **rule** defines the "**Waters of the United States**" under the Clean Water Act, stating in part that those...

...federal environmental oversight. The Environmental Protection Agency states that the "**Waters of the United States rule**" does not "protect any types of waters that have not...

Two oppose Obama on new water rules

919. How The Triad delegation voted

Greensboro News & Record (NC) January 24, 2016 Word Count: 238

...of the Army Corps of Engineers and Environmental Protection Agency **rule** defining “ **waters of the United States**” and voiding the rule. Ernst said the rule exerts excessive...

A look at how the Triad delegation voted in Washington this week

920. Senate fails to overturn presidential veto of water rule resolutionColorado senator vows to fight

Journal, The (Cortez, Dolores, Mancos, CO) January 24, 2016 Word Count: 450

...WASHINGTON, D.C. - Opponents of the Environmental Protection Agency 's proposed **Waters of the United States rule** failed to garner enough votes in the Senate on Thursday...

...R-Cortez, previously voted in favor of striking down the **WOTUS rule**. A spokesman for Tipton, Josh Green, said the rule change...

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Opponents of the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed Waters of the United States rule failed to garner enough votes in the Senate on Thursday to override President Barack Obama's veto of their resolution of disapproval

921. Avian influenza back, but hasn't hit Ohio

Marion Star, The (Marion, OH) January 24, 2016 Word Count: 1026

...waterways that fall under such regulation, known informally as the **Waters of the United States rule**. Critics of the rule in agriculture have labeled it a...

...Both the U.S. House and Senate voted to block the **WOTUS rule**, but not by margins large enough to overcome a presidential...

"Planting in Ohio began on time and progressed rapidly amidst ideal May weather. A period of heavy rains began in mid-June and lasted through the middle of July. The heavy precipitation drowned out some fields and made others too wet to access,

922. How they voted

News-Press, The (Fort Myers, FL) January 24, 2016 Word Count: 217

...of the Army Corps of Engineers and Environmental Protection Agency **rule** defining “**waters of the United States**” and voiding the rule. The vote, on Jan. 21, was...

WASHINGTON — Here’s a look at how area members of Congress voted over the previous week.

923. How Maine’s members of Congress voted

Portland Press Herald (Maine) January 24, 2016 Word Count: 500

...of the Army Corps of Engineers and Environmental Protection Agency **rule** defining “**waters of the United States**” and voiding the rule. Ernst called the rule “a regulatory...

WASHINGTON -- Along with roll call votes, the Senate last week passed the Rural Community Hospital Demonstration Extension Act (S. 607), to extend for five years the Medicare rural community hospital demonstration program; and passed the Fiscal

924. Water rule veto stays as override votes dry up

Oklahoman January 22, 2016 Word Count: 416

...vetoed the GOP bill earlier this week, saying his administration’s **Waters of the United States rule** “is critical to our efforts to protect the nation’s waters...

WASHINGTON - Senate Republicans failed Thursday to revive legislation that would prevent the federal government from regulating more of the nation’s water. President Barack Obama vetoed the GOP bill earlier this week, saying his administration’s

925. Congress should fund and support EPA clean water efforts

Record Observer (Centreville, MD) January 22, 2016 Word Count: 860

...a public letter on Wednesday: “The Obama administration’s sweeping new **rule**, dubbed **Waters of the United States** (WOTUS), could upend the way water is used across the...

...Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Clean Water **Rule**: Definition of ‘**Waters of the United States**’” (80 Fed. Reg. 37054; June 29, 2015), and such rule...

I try to stay out of politics in this column for obvious reasons, but, as a registered Republican, I cannot understand why the Democratic party wins on the environment. Why can’t businesses succeed without destroying our environment?

926. Senators fail to override 'waters' veto

St. Joseph News-Press (MO) January 22, 2016 Word Count: 554

...has galvanized the executive overreach arguments in Congress like the **Waters of the United States rule**, the set of environmental regulations aimed at protecting the nation's...

Jan. 22--No issue has galvanized the executive overreach arguments in Congress like the Waters of the United States rule, the set of environmental regulations aimed at protecting the nation's waterways. The U.S. Senate fell short Thursday of

927. Reversing the president's failed agenda

Beatrice Daily Sun (Beatrice, NE) January 21, 2016 Word Count: 609

...Environmental Protection Agency 's (EPA 's) Waters of the U.S. **rule**, or **WOTUS**. Under this rule, the EPA would have the power to...

The annual State of the Union address is rich in tradition, but the president used this year's speech to once again defend his failed policies at home and abroad. Though he believes his government-down approach is the answer, I hear from Nebraskans

928. Fischer not ready to endorse presidential candidate

Columbus Telegram (NE) January 21, 2016 Word Count: 309

...to repeal the Environmental Protection Agency 's new clean water **rule**, designated as **Waters of the United States**, "threatens the economic security of countless Nebraska families." "While the...

Sen. Deb Fischer dodged questions Thursday about the Republican presidential race as it approaches its first showdown moment at the Iowa caucuses on Feb. 1.

929. Capitol Solutions Victory For Rural Communities Over Washington's Army Of Regulators

Hamburg Reporter (Hamburg, IA) January 21, 2016 Word Count: 628

...and regulations. In particular, many have expressed frustration with the **Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule** to expand the scope of federal authority over land and...

...authority of unelected, Washington bureaucrats. Efforts to combat the expanded **Wotus rule** continue, and the legality of the rule and the EPA...

As your U.S. Representative for Iowa's Third Congressional District, I make it my mission to meet with and listen to folks in each of our 16 counties, each month.

930. Agriculture commissioner seeks federal disaster declaration for Goliath-hurt livestock producers

Lubbock Avalanche-Journal (Lubbock, TX) January 21, 2016 Word Count: 325

...a lawsuit against the Environmental Protection Agency He believes its **Waters of the United States rule** conflicts with property rights. "They're gonna know whose side we're...

Jan. 21--Sid Miller has requested a federal disaster declaration to help livestock and dairy producers recover from Winter Storm Goliath, the agriculture commissioner said Wednesday afternoon. Miller, speaking at the Texas Alliance for Water

931. HEY PAT, EXPAND MEDICAID ALREADY

Independent Weekly, The; Durham, N.C. January 20, 2016 Word Count: 1310

...week's 252-166 vote in Congress to weaken the EPA's **WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES rule**, which was issued last year and designates which rivers and...

Also: The gov isn't all that keen on clean water, and a Raleigh retail shop flees downtown Pat McCrory, ever the pragmatist, wanted to wait and see how the Supreme Court ruled on a key provision of the AFFORDABLE CARE ACT before deciding whether he

932. Vying for votes in rural America

Jefferson City News-Tribune (Jefferson City, MO) January 20, 2016 Word Count: 400

...former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush listed "Waters of the U.S." (**WOTUS**) as a **rule** he would seek to repeal and Donald Trump and Ohio...

As presidential candidates' screen-printed busses navigate the dusty back roads of America, rural voters now more than ever need to make sense of the political chaos that has taken over national headlines by researching candidates and their stances

933. Words of our local legislatorsColumn

McPherson Sentinel (McPherson, KS) January 20, 2016 Word Count: 1377

...NorthAmerica 8797 Word Count: 1377 CONGRESSMAN TIM HUELSKAMP Keep fighting **WOTUS rule** Congressman Tim Huelskamp (KS-01) voted to ditch the Environmental Protection Agency 's **Waters of the United States rule**. Huelskamp was a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 22 in the...

CONGRESSMAN TIM HUELSKAMP

934. Tillis talks 2016, looks back at work in 2015

Salisbury Post (Salisbury, NC) January 20, 2016 Word Count: 867

...issues. Tillis said one issue he's interested in concerns the **Waters of the United States rule**. It's aimed at protecting wetlands and waterways and criticized by...

The economy and national security top the list of concerns for North Carolinians in 2016, according to U.S. Sen Thom Tillis, R-N.C.

935. State Senator Christensen seeks U.S. House nod

Wyoming Tribune-Eagle January 20, 2016 Word Count: 648

...see that not just in energy, but also in the **Waters of the United States (rule)**, Endangered Species Act and our access to public lands." Christensen...

Jan. 20--CHEYENNE -- State Sen. Leland Christensen, R-Alta, has decided to join the growing field of candidates who are running for Wyoming's only U.S. House seat.Christensen announced Monday that he will seek the GOP nomination for the

936. What's the biggest concern for farmers and ranchers in 2016 and beyond?

Farm Forum (Aberdeen, SD) January 19, 2016 Word Count: 791

...first. The future of the controversial "waters of the U.S." **rule**, or **WOTUS**, also hangs in the balance. The rule officially took effect...

...passed a Senate -passed disapproval resolution that would eliminate the "**waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule**. Obama is expected to veto the WOTUS resolution and Republicans...

Looking ahead at all of the top issues that we plan to cover in 2016, it's hard to sort out which one is going to top the list.

937. Huelskamp outspends other Kansans on Hill: Rival wants him to pay back costs from mailings

Hutchinson News (Hutchinson, KS) January 19, 2016 Word Count: 590

...asserted he "helped pass" a bill to strike down the **Waters of the United States rule**, but he cannot claim he was the principal leader. More...

Jan. 19--U.S. Rep. Tim Huelskamp, R-Fowler/Hutchinson, far outspent the other Kansans in the U.S. House of Representatives in taxpayer-financed mailings and mass communications during the first three quarters of 2015. His tab for mailings and other

938. Congressman Shimkus votes to block Obama administration overreach

Shelbyville Daily Union (Shelbyville, IL) January 19, 2016 Word Count: 312

...passed S.J.Res. 22, a joint resolution to disapprove the administration's **Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule**. "I've voted numerous times to block this EPA overreach," said...

...right to make decisions about their property." The administration's final **WOTUS rule** would redefine the regulatory status of marginal waters such as...

WASHINGTON - Congressman John Shimkus (R, Illinois-15) voted last week to block two of the Obama Administration's most controversial water rules.

939. Illinois Farm Bureau statement on WOTUS resolution

Shelbyville Daily Union (Shelbyville, IL) January 19, 2016 Word Count: 192

...a measure which formally disapproves the Waters of the U.S. (**WOTUS) rule**. "Since the rule was introduced almost two years ago, farmers...

The following is a statement from Illinois Farm Bureau President Richard Guebert, Jr., regarding U.S. House passage of S.J. Resolution 22.

940. EDITORIAL: Tweaking EPA's nose

Baker City Herald (Baker City, OR) January 18, 2016 Word Count: 366

...Agency (EPA) and Army Corps of Engineers would enforce its **Waters of the United States rule** is, well, murky. But even the potential powers the rule...

...extends in enforcing the 1972 Clean Water Act. Although the **Waters of the United States rule** is not, as mentioned, crystalline in its definitions, many people...

Jan. 18-----The question of how the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Army Corps of Engineers would enforce its Waters of the United States rule is, well, murky.

941. Guthrie votes to curb regulatory overreach

Grayson County News-Gazette (Leitchfield, KY) January 18, 2016 Word Count: 248

...nullifies the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Corps of Engineers ' rule to redefine waters of the United States (WOTUS). "Since the EPA and Corps ' first proposal to regulate...

Jan. 18--Congressman Brett Guthrie (KY-02) voted on several bills last week to curb the administration's regulatory overreach. Guthrie voted in support of S.J. Res. 22, a resolution that nullifies the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Corps

942. Georgia delegation congressional voting

Albany Herald, The (Albany, GA) January 17, 2016 Word Count: 1185

...of the Army Corps of Engineers and Environmental Protection Agency rule defining " waters of the United States" and voiding the rule. A resolution supporter, Rep. Bob Gibbs...

WASHINGTON - Here's a look at how Georgia's members of Congress voted over the previous week.

943. How they voted

News-Press, The (Fort Myers, FL) January 17, 2016 Word Count: 541

...of the Army Corps of Engineers and Environmental Protection Agency rule defining " waters of the United States" and voiding the rule. The vote, on Jan. 13, was...

WASHINGTON — Here's a look at how area members of Congress voted over the previous week.

944. How Maine's members of Congress voted

Portland Press Herald (Maine) January 17, 2016 Word Count: 1075

...of the Army Corps of Engineers and Environmental Protection Agency rule defining " waters of the United States" and voiding the rule. A resolution supporter, Rep. Bob Gibbs...

WASHINGTON -- Along with roll call votes last week, the House also passed the Child Nicotine Poisoning Prevention Act (S. 142), to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to adopt a rule requiring child safety packaging for liquid nicotine

945. Roll Call: How Oklahoma's delegation voted

Tulsa World January 17, 2016 Word Count: 856

...of the Army Corps of Engineers and Environmental Protection Agency rule defining "waters of the United States" and voiding the rule. A resolution supporter, Rep. Bob Gibbs...

WASHINGTON — Here is how Oklahoma's members of Congress voted on key bills and amendments last week.

946. To EPA: Stay out of the pond

Daily News, The (Bowling Green, KY) January 16, 2016 Word Count: 586

...bill that would have required the EPA to rewrite its Waters of the United States rule or the Clean Water Rule, but it failed to pass...

If you did a nationwide survey of private landowners who have ponds, potholes, puddles and ditches on their land, asking their thoughts on the federal government trying to assert authority over their properties, it is safe to say the majority would

947. PERSPECTIVE Prioritizing safety; resisting overreach

Jefferson City News-Tribune (Jefferson City, MO) January 16, 2016 Word Count: 540

...to home, another priority of many Missourians is reversing the "waters of the United States" rule that was implemented by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The...

...to the president by passing a resolution disapproving of the "waters of the United States" rule. Now the president will have to choose between protecting his...

The 3rd Congressional District is home to more than 762,000 individuals living in 13 counties in eastern and central Missouri. As I regularly meet with and listen to constituents from all over the district, I hear many different viewpoints and

948. New state agriculture commissioner outlines 2016 priorities at cattlemen's convention

Messenger-Inquirer (Owensboro, KY) January 16, 2016 Word Count: 623

...become an impediment to the success of production agriculture." The Waters of the United States rule clarifies what waterways are subject to the protections of the...

Jan. 16--The new state commissioner of agriculture used his first appearance in Owensboro since taking office Friday to outline his agenda for the year and beyond while speaking to the state Cattlemen's Association at the Owensboro Convention

949. Noem: Stop the stream of regulations

Farm Forum (Aberdeen, SD) January 15, 2016 Word Count: 590

...was the Environmental Protection Agency's "Waters of the U.S." rule, or WOTUS. The Clean Water Act enables the EPA and the Army...

...regulate so-called "navigable waters." In the EPA's latest WOTUS rule, however, the federal agency broadened the definition of navigable waters...

In 2015 alone, the U.S. government put more than 79,000 pages of new regulations in the federal register. Add these to the list of existing regulations and the economic impact amounts to more than \$1.8 trillion or about \$15,000 per household

950. How Triad delegation voted in D.C. this week

Greensboro News & Record (NC) January 15, 2016 Word Count: 467

...of the Army Corps of Engineers and Environmental Protection Agency rule defining "waters of the United States" and voiding the rule. The Jan. 13 vote was 253...

HOUSE VOTES

951. President Obama should roll back regulations

Baton Rouge Advocate January 14, 2016 Word Count: 619

...Just this week, the House passed legislation to overturn the WOTUS rule. This is one of many steps in our efforts to...

Today, President Barack Obama visits Baton Rouge to continue his State of the Union tour and discuss his agenda for the last year of his term. As we saw Tuesday night, the president will claim economic progress under his administration, despite the

952. House vote threatens water rulesRule to protect drinking water called a federal power grab by

critics.: WASHINGTON BUREAU

Dayton Daily News (OH) January 14, 2016 Word Count: 768

...the House voted to kill what is commonly called the "waters of the United States" rule. The disapproval resolution passed the Senate 53-44 in November...

The House Wednesday voted to oppose a federal water rule that farmers and industry groups have lambasted as a federal power grab, putting in further doubt how and if the rule will be implemented.

953. FERC under fire: Area pipeline opposition groups hammer regulatory agency

Recorder, The (Greenfield, MA) January 14, 2016 Word Count: 534

...charges of a failure to meet the mandates of the Waters of the United States rule, to include accurate lists of the names and addresses of...

The federal agency reviewing an application for a controversial new natural gas pipeline that's planned to snake its way through Franklin County is coming under fire from a variety of opposition groups and environmental coalitions.

954. Herrera Beutler working to end EPA 'navigable waters' rule

Daily News, The (Longview, WA) January 13, 2016 Word Count: 387

...Herrera Beutler is working to bring an end to the "Waters of the United States" rule, passed in May 2015. Herrera Beutler voted with a bipartisan...

Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler is working to bring an end to the "Waters of the United States" rule, passed in May 2015. Herrera Beutler voted with a bipartisan majority of the U.S. House of Representatives to get a bill before President

955. Smith resolution passes House to nullify WOTUS

Grand Island Independent, The (Grand Island, NE) January 13, 2016 Word Count: 692

...Wednesday, the House passed a joint resolution to disapprove the Waters of the United States rule under a Congressional Review Act. This resolution would nullify the...

...resolution to disapprove the EPA 's Waters of the U.S. rule, known as WOTUS. The legislation will now go to the president's desk for...

On Wednesday, the House passed a joint resolution to disapprove the Waters of the United States rule under a Congressional Review Act.

956. Walden: Can't condone actions of armed protestersBut 'it's important to understand what is driving this anger'

Herald and News (Klamath Falls, OR) January 13, 2016 Word Count: 1171

...other threats loom on these same people. From the onerous "waters of the United States" rules, to threats of more national monuments, the federal government is...

Editor's note: Greg Walden represents Eastern Oregon in Congress, a position he had held since 1999.

957. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: Congressman Shuster seeking re-election: shuster

Record Herald, The (Waynesboro, PA) January 12, 2016 Word Count: 382

...U.S. House of Representatives to stop the job-killing EPA Waters of the United States Rule and has had major reform-oriented transportation bills signed into...

U.S. Congressman Bill Shuster, a Republican whose district includes Franklin County, announced on Monday that he will be seeking re-election in the 9th Congressional District.

958. Shuster hopes to return to Congress with a GOP president

Daily American, The (Somerset, PA) January 11, 2016 Word Count: 520

...legislation through the House to stop the "job-killing" EPA Waters of the United States rule and has had major transportation bills signed into law. His...

U.S. Rep. Bill Shuster, R-Hollidaysburg, on Monday announced his candidacy for a ninth term in office.

959. Speaking out for rural Oregon

East Oregonian (Pendleton, OR) January 11, 2016 Word Count: 810

...other threats loom on these same people. From the onerous "waters of the United States" rules, to threats of more national monuments, the federal government is...

In recent weeks, the people of Harney County have become no stranger to national headlines. On Jan. 3 a group of armed protesters overtook a federal facility in the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. Two days later Dwight and Steve Hammond - father

960. Over Jurisdiction for to make a decision on WOTUS Challenge, Sixth Circuit Hears Arguments

Legal Monitor Worldwide (Jordan) January 11, 2016 Word Count: 462

...rule any day on whether three dozen challenges to the **WOTUS rule** will be heard in a federal district or an appellate...
...no other adequate remedy in a court. Opponents say the **WOTUS rule** doesnt fall under the category of a permit or an...

All eyes are on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and to a lesser extent on the Eleventh Circuit, that is expected to rule any day on whether three dozen challenges to the WOTUS rule will be heard in a federal district or an

961. Legislative BanquetFarm Bureau Honors Elected Officials at Annual Banquet

Mexico Ledger (Mexico, MO) January 11, 2016 Word Count: 600

...as gun control and the controversial Waters of the U.S. (**WOTUS**) **Rule**, which came into effect last August. The rule, which redefines...

The Audrain County Farm Bureau honored local, state and national lawmakers at its 19th annual Legislative Banquet Friday. The banquet was held at the Knights of Columbus and featured a host of political figures who spoke on some key issues

962. Montana Farm Bureau Applauds GAO Decision about EPA Breaking the Law

Big Sky Business Journal January 10, 2016 Word Count: 312

...lobbying campaign advocating for its own Waters of the U.S. (**WOTUS**) **rule**. "It's rewarding to see a government office has found a...

The Montana Farm Bureau is applauding the legal opinion released by the U.S. Government Accountability Office that found the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) broke the law with its social media and grassroots lobbying campaign advocating for

963. Buchanan candidate for national post

Lawton Constitution, The (Lawton, OK) January 10, 2016 Word Count: 227

...Bureau and other allied organizations have made headway against the **Waters of the United States rule** and the Endangered Species Act. He said regulations created by...

Tom Buchanan is a candidate for national vice president of the Farm Bureau and says his election will put extra focus on the needs and concerns of Oklahoma agriculture.

964. Candidates coming to Abilene forum

Abilene Reflector-Chronicle (Abilene, KS) January 08, 2016 Word Count: 728

...worked to reduce government regulations impacting Kansas, such as the Waters of the United States rule and the Endangered Species Act. He is a member of...

Jan. 08--The three Republican candidates seeking election as Kansas's 1st District representative in Congress will appear together Saturday during a political forum sponsored by the Dickinson County Farm Bureau Association. The forum is scheduled to

965. COLORADO CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION: Omnibus bill brings victories to Colorado beef producers

Ag Journal (La Junta, CO) January 08, 2016 Word Count: 753

...report greenhouse gas emissions on livestock operations. Unfortunately, EPA's "Waters of the United States" rule is not addressed in the omnibus. Fire prevention Both CCA...

With bipartisan support, Congress passed the \$1.15 trillion omnibus appropriations bill on Dec. 18, which funds much of the government through fiscal year 2016. Colorado Cattlemen's Association President Bob Patterson said the bill contained

966. Cruz: I'm fighting for farmers to get more market access for ethanol

Des Moines Register, The (Des Moines, IA) January 07, 2016 Word Count: 735

...tax on the American dream — and I will rescind the Waters of the United States rule, which would wrongly subject up to 97 percent of Iowa...

Iowa farmers are profoundly frustrated with Washington and deserve a champion who will stand with Iowa against the bipartisan corruption of our nation's Capitol. By this point in the campaign, many readers will have seen the furious coordinated

967. Dole: Jeb Bush is the best Republican for Iowa's farmers

Des Moines Register, The (Des Moines, IA) January 06, 2016 Word Count: 502

...America, such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 's burdensome " **Waters of the United States**" rule. He would reform the onerous provisions of the Dodd-Frank...

As Iowa Republicans get ready to caucus Feb. 1, it is important for voters to focus on which candidate has the best plans and leadership skills to help rural America, especially family farms and the vital agriculture sector of our economy.Jeb Bush

968. Ag policy, cover crops and marketing strategies headline 2016 Cornbelt Cow-Calf Conference

Des Moines Register, The (Des Moines, IA) January 06, 2016 Word Count: 458

...goals. Assessing the short and long-term market outlook, the **WOTUS rule**, best management practices for marketing feeder cattle, and valuing timber...

...the morning, Dolch will talk about key areas of the **WOTUS rule** and its potential impact on beef producers, and Pearson will...

Cornbelt Cow-Calf ConferenceOTTUMWA, Iowa -- The premier educational event in Iowa for cow-calf producers is offering a comprehensive package of information to attendees next month. The popular Cornbelt Cow-Calf Conference has provided timely,

969. Year's worst regulations

Arkansas Democrat Gazette (Little Rock, AR) January 04, 2016 Word Count: 640

...not Washington bureaucrats. The swelling regulatory tide. In their new " **Waters of the United States**" rule, the Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers expanded...

A torrent of red tape was unleashed on the nation in 2015. Which were the worst?

970. Budget, healthcare are two big issues facing lawmakers in 2016

Daily Democrat, The (Fort Madison, IA) January 04, 2016 Word Count: 728

...to continue to focus on the Waters of the U.S. (**WOTUS**) rule. "It's a grave concern to our farmers," Ernst said. " The...
...pleased that my resolution of disapproval to scrap the expanded **WOTUS rule** passed the Senate with bipartisan support in 2015. This was...

What will congress be facing in 2016? In many cases, more of the same issues as in 2015.

971. Column: The 10 worst government regulations of 2015

Eagle-Tribune, The (North Andover, MA) January 04, 2016 Word Count: 796

...not Washington bureaucrats. - The swelling regulatory tide. In their new "Waters of the United States" rule, the Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers expanded...

Like streamers raining down upon New Year's revelers in Times Square, a torrent of red tape was unleashed on the nation in 2015. Literally thousands of new regulations combined with existing ones to infringe on every aspect of daily life. Justified

972. Talking Texas agriculture on Capitol Hill

Fort Worth Star-Telegram (Fort Worth) January 04, 2016 Word Count: 489

...agriculture industry. Another topic was the Environmental Protection Agency's Waters of the United States rule, an illegal attempt to expand federal regulation of waters on...

...with a lawsuit against EPA I'm confident the courts will rule that WOTUS cannot stand. WOTUS is not the only attack on private...

The men and women who work the land to provide our food and fiber deserve a seat at the table in Washington, D.C. That's why I recently visited our nation's capital to provide a voice for hardworking agricultural producers against overreaching,

973. Government's 10 worst regulations of 2015

Kearney Hub (Kearney, NE) January 04, 2016 Word Count: 542

...including virtually all home appliances. - Swelling regulatory tide. In their "Waters of the United States" rule, the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers expanded their own...

A torrent of red tape was unleashed on the nation in 2015. Literally thousands of new regulations combined with existing ones to infringe on every aspect of daily life. Justified or not, each one imposes an economic burden and chips away at

974. Giving Texas agriculture a voice on Capitol Hill

Jacksonville Daily Progress (TX) January 02, 2016 Word Count: 1039

...EPA) new Clean Water Act rule, also known as the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule. This is an illegal attempt by the federal government to...

...stay of the rule, and I'm confident the courts will rule that WOTUS cannot stand. Unfortunately, WOTUS is not the only attack by...

2015 has been a great year for Texas agriculture. Our state was blessed with beneficial rainfall. Farmers have experienced bountiful harvests, and we're seeing our ranchers start to rebuild their herds after the devastating drought our state

975. Speaker Ryan leads Republicans to defeat

Lawton Constitution, The (Lawton, OK) January 01, 2016 Word Count: 780

...failed to block the EPA 's Clean Power Plan and **Waters of the United States rule**, but it provided plenty of money, which Obama can reallocate...

When Paul Ryan ran for speaker of the House of Representatives, he said Republicans "need to move from being an opposition party to being a proposition party." After a record-breaking eight years as the top republican on the House Budget Committee

976. WV AG releases end-of-year review

Point Pleasant Register (Point Pleasant, WV) December 30, 2015 Word Count: 469

...brought to a halt the EPA 's illegal and onerous **Waters of the United States rule**, organized coalitions to protect coal mining and engaged in various...

...EPA in October with a stay blocking implementation of its **Waters of the United States rule**, which unlawfully expanded the federal government's regulatory reach over small...

Dec. 30--CHARLESTON -- West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey ended 2015 with announcements of a record-breaking, Internet settlement, new partnerships to combat substance abuse and disability fraud, major victories against the

977. EPA breaks federal law in propagandizing for lawCrime

Stuttgart Daily Leader, The (Stuttgart, AR) December 30, 2015 Word Count: 600

...urging the public to contact Congress in support of the **WOTUS rule**. An EPA spokeswoman did not immediately respond to an email...

...their government. I remain confident that our lawsuit against the **WOTUS rule** will keep oversight and control of Arkansas' waters at the...

LITTLE ROCK - The Environmental Protection Agency engaged in "covert propaganda" in violation of federal law by conducting a social media campaign aimed at increasing support for a controversial rule on water quality,

the Government Accountability

978. PFB: Budget deal good for agriculture, but fails to yield meaningful property tax relief for farmers

Daily American, The (Somerset, PA) December 29, 2015 Word Count: 868

...Ebert. Farm Bureau also continues its strong opposition to the " **Waters of the United States**" or **WOTUS rule** implemented by EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers that...

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB) says the overall state budget agreement reached between Governor Tom Wolf and Republican leadership appears to include necessary funding increases to support the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA) and

979. Our views US EPA: Why be bothered with following the law? Abuses of power by agency grow with every new ruling and report

Charleston Gazette-Mail (Charleston, WV) December 28, 2015 Word Count: 367

...social media campaigns by the EPA in support of its ' **waters of the United States**' **rule** broke laws that prohibit federal agencies from promoting or lobbying...

...EPA 's illegal attempts to manufacture public support for its **waters of the United States rule** and sway congressional opinion regarding legislation to address that rule...

The arrogance and lawlessness of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency seems to get bolder with every year of the Obama administration. It seems not enough to administrator Gina McCarthy and her unelected bureaucracy to issue ruling after ruling

980. A government take on Mad Men promotion

San Angelo Standard-Times (San Angelo, TX) December 28, 2015 Word Count: 401

...campaign to tout its massive expansion of authority under its **Waters of the United States rule** making. The Government Accountability Office just determined that this constituted...

The following editorial appeared in the Orange County Register on Dec. 18:

981. Farmers praise Zinke for spending bill vote

Great Falls Tribune (Great Falls, MT) December 26, 2015 Word Count: 283

...the bill had provided for a repeal of the administration's **Waters of the United States rule**. However, it did include significant provisions for Montana's farmers and...

As the year wraps up, the Montana Grain Growers Association would like to thank Congressman Ryan Zinke for his support of the PATH (Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes) Act and the omnibus package. There is no doubt this was a difficult vote. We,

982. AMERICAN FARM BUREAU: Video highlights California farmer's struggles with regulators on water issues

Ag Journal (La Junta, CO) December 25, 2015 Word Count: 310

...Tehama County, California. Experts say that under the EPA's **WOTUS rule**, the same type of regulatory enforcement could become commonplace, threatening...

...Anyone who's being told not to worry about the new **WOTUS rule**, they should be thinking about this case," Francois said. "The...

WASHINGTON - A new video produced by the American Farm Bureau Federation highlights the struggles a California farm family has encountered with federal water regulations. The video also illustrates how the climate regarding water regulations will

983. On whether Army Corps Wetland Jurisdictional Determination is Final Agency Action, SC to make decision on split

Legal Monitor Worldwide (Jordan) December 24, 2015 Word Count: 400

...and the Corps recent release of its Final Clean Water **Rule**: Definition of **Waters of the United States**. The new **WOTUS rule** will substantially increase the number of potential wetlands, making challenges...

The Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) agreed to review an important Clean Water Act (CWA) decision issued by the Eighth Circuit in Hawkes Co., Inc., et al. v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The issue presented for SCOTUS is whether an

984. U.S. Chamber of Commerce challenging new EPA ozone standard in court

Washington Times (DC) December 24, 2015 Word Count: 801

...halt to the EPA's Waters of the U.S., or **WOTUS rules**, designed to give the federal government a say in land...

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce announced a lawsuit Wednesday challenging the Environmental Protection Agency's ground-level ozone standards, marking yet another Obama administration policy likely to be decided

in the courts rather than on Capitol

985. The People's Priorities

Daily Journal (Park Hills, MO) December 23, 2015 Word Count: 483

...power of the purse to fight back. The EPA's proposed **Waters of the United States rule** could allow the EPA to regulate nearly every area of...

This week, without my support, Congress voted to fund the government for another year. The 2,009-page bill negotiated behind closed doors was a bad deal for rural America and a bad deal for southeast and southcentral Missouri. Simply put, this

986. Lankford answers questions during Monday visit

Altus Times (Altus, OK) December 22, 2015 Word Count: 416

...the EPA to seek further clarification on compliance for the **WOTUS rule**. Lankford was a cosponsor of a Senate resolution to nullify...

US Senator for Oklahoma James Lankford visited Altus on Monday evening at City Hall . Members of the audience asked questions concerning the nation and Oklahoma. Following are some of those questions and Lankford's answers.

987. EPA used propaganda to sway opinion Not just in making rules, Agency abuses its power in other ways too

Charleston Gazette-Mail (Charleston, WV) December 22, 2015 Word Count: 527

...has engaged in "illegal attempts to manufacture support for its **Waters of the United States rule** and sway congressional opinion." It's also worth noting that in...

A U.S. Government Accountability Office investigation finds the Environmental Protection Agency has used illegal and covert propaganda to encourage support of its attempt to dramatically expand its authority over the nation's waterways. In March

988. Words of local legislative leaders

McPherson Sentinel (McPherson, KS) December 22, 2015 Word Count: 793

...Obama's radical global warming agenda, his executive orders or the **WOTUS rule**; or the full funding of Planned Parenthood and Obama Care...

CONGRESSMAN MIKE POMPEO

989. Working for you, the American people

North Platte Telegraph, The (North Platte, NE) December 22, 2015 Word Count: 578

...fought to prevent the administration from enacting regulations like the "waters of the United States" rule and other harmful policies that will drive up the cost...

As 2015 comes to a close, I am pleased the Senate made important progress for Nebraskans this past year. I am also optimistic for what the future holds. In the first session of the 114th Congress, we ushered in a new majority that is more

990. Drug bro busted, EPA in hot water, Software pirates

Argus Leader (Sioux Falls, SD) December 21, 2015 Word Count: 580

...social media to push for the support of a its Waters of the United States rule this year. The GAO tagged the marketing push as "covert..."

The Situation has a situation: Remember the reality show "Jersey Shore" on MTV? Remember the guy who would lift up his shirt and say "there's a situation here?" His name was Michael "The Situation" Sorrentino not good with his taxes. Last week, his

991. Report: EPA engaged in 'covert propaganda'

Courier-Journal, The (Louisville, KY) December 21, 2015 Word Count: 873

...social media campaigns during the run-up to enacting its Waters of the United States rule, which identifies wetlands, rivers, streams and lakes to receive federal...

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency engaged in "covert propaganda" while trying to secure public backing for a major new rule on wetlands and water quality, the U.S. Government Accountability Office has concluded in a new report. At issue is

992. Report: EPA used 'covert propaganda' on WOTUS

Register-Herald, The (Beckley, WV) December 21, 2015 Word Count: 1029

...social media were used to clarify issues concerning the proposed rules of WOTUS. That was on Monday; by Friday WOTUS

also was history...

...our country's farmers, private landowners, and ranchers from the president's **WOTUS rule**. We worked hard to shed light on EPA 's illegal...

Dec. 21--Last week was a tough one for the Environmental Protection Agency's Waters of the U.S. proposal. First, the government watchdog found the EPA campaign to promote WOTUS violated federal lobbying rules and the proposal was nearly killed in a

993. National Trail team places first at district

Paladium-Item (Richmond, IN) December 20, 2015 Word Count: 868

...used a variety of platforms to solicit comments on the **WOTUS rule**. Legislators responded, ordering additional government oversight of the EPA's tactics...

...for Congress to act to fully defund implementation of the **WOTUS rule** and bring accountability to the EPA." Purdue program issues corn...

NEW PARIS, OHIO - National Trails' novice parliamentary procedure team took first place at the district competition earlier this month and earned the right to compete at the state contest on Saturday in Columbus, Ohio.National Trails' advanced team

994. EPA caught playing dirty in WOTUS

Star-Herald (Scottsbluff, NE) December 20, 2015 Word Count: 621

...GAO) for inappropriate use of social media to promote the " **waters of the United States Rule**" (**WOTUS**). On Dec. 14, the GOA ruled the EPA broke federal...

"Covert propaganda" and "grassroots lobbying" has landed the Environmental Protection Agency in hot water after being investigated by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) for inappropriate use of social media to promote the "waters of the

995. Simpson Only Idaho Rep. to Vote for Omnibus

Times-News (Twin Falls, ID) December 19, 2015 Word Count: 446

...to achieve conservative policy goals on issues such as the " **Waters of the United States**" rule and state management of sage grouse habitat. Labrador blasted the...

Dec. 19--TWIN FALLS -- U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson was the only member of Idaho's D.C. delegation to support the \$1.1 trillion spending deal to fund the government for the next nine months that Congress passed

Friday. The omnibus bill passed the Senate

996. EPA Slants Public's Will

Waycross Journal-Herald (Waycross, GA) December 19, 2015 Word Count: 539

...of the nearly one million comments on the agency's new Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule were in favor. "The input helped us understand the genuine...
...or propaganda prohibition," the watchdog agency wrote this week. The WOTUS rule, currently under a court injunction, surely would have been adopted...

Gina McCarthy, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, proudly announced this year that 90 percent of the nearly one million comments on the agency's new Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule were in favor.

997. Bill seeks end to EPA public relations use

Daily Journal (Park Hills, MO) December 18, 2015 Word Count: 343

...to light that the EPA broke federal law promoting its Waters of the United States rule on social media. The news came in the GAO report...

Congressman Jason Smith, R-8th District, has introduced the End EPA Advertising Act, a bill to stop the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from using taxpayer money to hire public relations contractors.

998. Gibbs votes against increased spending, bill passes anyway

Jackson County Times-Journal, The (Jackson, OH) December 18, 2015 Word Count: 278

...one of my top priorities to defund the EPA's Waters of the United States rule led me to vote against this bill," Gibbs said. Gibbs...
...revealed the EPA broke the law in promoting its flawed WOTUS rule. Such illegal actions should not be rewarded. Additionally, key provisions...

WASHINGTON, DC - Following the vote Friday morning on the Omnibus, Congressman Bob Gibbs released a statement.

999. Spending Bill Mixed Bag

Waycross Journal-Herald (Waycross, GA) December 18, 2015 Word Count: 546

...not going forward for now anyway. Some, such as the **Waters of the United States rule** and the executive immigration amnesty, have been halted by the...

Congress has finally wheeled out a \$1.1 trillion omnibus spending bill, which will basically keep the government from shutting down until next fall's election. The bill is something of a mixed bag.

1,000. \$1.1 trillion federal spending bill reauthorizes conservation fundBill would not block water rule, but keeps greater sage-grouse off endangered species list

Durango Herald, The (Durango, CO) December 17, 2015 Word Count: 510

...provisions in the spending bill that would have killed the **Waters of the United States rule**. **WOTUS**, which is under a nationwide preliminary injunction as the 6th...

...States" to include smaller bodies of water. Critics of the **rule** say that **WOTUS** 's language expands the Environmental Protection Agency 's control over...

WASHINGTON - After weeks of negotiating and two short-term funding bills, congressional lawmakers are set to vote Friday on a \$1.1 trillion omnibus spending bill that will fund the federal government through the end of September 2016.